

DOGS FOR AUTISM

England & Wales · Charity number 1181615

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-01-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, EQUALITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLE, IN ANY PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM OR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ('AUTISM') BY BREEDING, PURCHASING OR FUNDING PUPPIES AND DOGS TO BE TRAINED AS AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOGS, PROVISION FOR THE TRAINING AND WELFARE OF SUCH DOGS AND TRAINING AND EDUCATING PEOPLE DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM AND THEIR GUARDIANS OR CARERS AND FAMILIES IN THE USE OF SUCH ASSISTANCE DOGS AND SUCH OTHER SERVICES, FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM AND THEIR GUARDIANS OR CARERS AND FAMILIES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DEEM FIT.

Activities: We train and provide dogs at no charge to children and adults of any age, anywhere in the UK, whose lives may significantly benefit from having an assistance dog. Through the provision of our assistance dogs, trained to mitigate the disabling aspects of autism, we are committed to creating and maintaining successful partnerships that impact positively on the lives of autistic people and families.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£866,201	£792,863	£149,088	12
2024-01-31	£448,066	£406,660	-	-
2023-01-31	£438,352	£379,425	-	-
2022-01-31	£136,130	£173,436	-	-
2021-01-31	£127,869	£117,261	-	-
2020-01-31	£55,727	£53,613	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ZOE LATTIMER	Chair	2019-01-17
Antonia Brown-Griffin		2020-10-01
Patrice Archer		2024-09-21

Accounts



Dogs for Autism Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st July 2025

Registered Charity No: 1181615

Enriching lives – Expanding horizons



Company information

Trustees

Zoe Lattimer (Chair)
Antonia Brown-Griffin
Patrice Archer

Senior Management Team

Hilary Armour - Chief Executive Officer
Jan Kiley - Chief Operating Officer
Angela Southcott - Executive Consultant

Patron

Chris Packham

Ambassadors

Carly Jones, MBE
Ella Tabb
Stephen Brooker
Dr Amir Khan
Dr Scott Miller
Jean-Christophe Novelli

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Administrative Information

Status

Dogs for Autism ("the Charity") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered under the Charities Act 2011 with Charity registered number 1181615 and has no share capital. The Charity is governed by its constitution.

Trustees

The Charity's governing body is the Board of Trustees ("the Trustees"). The Charity's constitution requires that there be no less than three nor more than six Trustees. The Trustees may elect new Trustees either to fill vacancies or to increase the number of Trustees up to the maximum permitted.

New Trustees are appointed for an initial three-year term and may be re-appointed to serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

New Trustees will be provided with a suitable induction programme to introduce them to the Charity, the Trustees' decision-making process, their obligations under Charity and Company Law, business plan and financial performance and forecasts.

There are currently three Trustees who meet as required to receive management reports and set strategy objectives. During the period under review, the Trustees met six times.

Chief Executive

The Trustees have delegated day-to-day management to the Chief Executive Officer and the senior management team.

Investments

The Charity's constitution states the Trustees have the power to invest surplus funds as they see fit. To date, this power has not been exercised.

Principal office

Unit 10, Hartley Park Farm, Selborne Road, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3HD

Mission and Vision

The Charity's mission is to have a positive impact on the lives of autistic individuals and their families, to empower autistic people to achieve their goals, improve access to their chosen communities and to enhance their emotional and physical wellbeing. The vision is to enrich lives and expand horizons by providing highly trained autism assistance dogs free of charge to those who will benefit throughout the UK.



Message from the CEO

As I reflect on the past six years, I am immensely proud of how far we have come as a charity, as a team, and as a community. The passion and determination that first drove us to support individuals who were unable to access the help they so urgently needed remain as strong as ever. However, the level of need continues to grow, reinforcing the importance of our work.

At Dogs for Autism, we bring together deep experience across the autism spectrum with extensive expertise in dog training. We recognise the uniqueness of every individual, and the importance of understanding both their strengths and their support needs. We also understand the transformative impact that a partnership with a highly trained autism assistance dog can have. The many partnerships we have established across the UK continue to remind us why our work matters and why we must keep moving forward.

This has been a positive year overall, although not without challenges, including inflationary pressures, the cost-of-living crisis, and increased competition for grants and trust funding. Securing sustainable, regular income, remains our priority and vital to our long-term stability and growth. Despite these pressures, we have continued to learn and evolve, strengthening our approach to sourcing, training, and carefully matching exceptional autism assistance dogs with those who will benefit most.

Thank you to all of our supporters for making this possible.

Hilary Armour



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Trustees' annual report

Principal activities and objectives

The principal activities of the Charity are to promote the health, safety, equality and independence of people in the United Kingdom diagnosed with autism or autistic spectrum disorder by breeding, purchasing or funding puppies and dogs to be trained as autism assistance dogs; provision for the training and welfare of such dogs; and training and educating autistic people, their guardians or carers and families in the use of such assistance dogs and other such services for their benefit.

Principal office

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Trustees

The following have held office throughout the period:

Max Chapman (Chair) – resigned Sept 2024

Richard Wilkinson – deceased March 2024

Kellie Jayne Cox – resigned July 2024

Zoe Lattimer (Chair)

Antonia Brown-Griffin

Patrice Archer (from Sept 2024)

Review of activities

During the year the Charity has been successful in both obtaining and increasing sufficient donations and raising funds to cover overhead expenses and meet its primary aims.

Public benefit

In preparing their statements on public benefit, the directors have, in accordance with s.17 of the Charities Act 2011, considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Dogs for Autism exists to provide autistic people with highly trained specialist autism assistance dogs and teaches the people and their families how to make best use of those dogs. The Charity's activities deliver public benefit by:

- Improving safety, independence and the wellbeing of autistic people
- Increased access to education, public services and the community

The dentist has always been a huge struggle, I used to be unable to lie in the chair or have anything put into my mouth, I was so overwhelmed with anxiety and sensory overload causing panic attacks and shutdowns. But Buzz completely transformed the experience even from the first trip together, now I can lie still in the chair and have an examination. I feel so calm with Buzz

KATIE AND BUZZ





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- Supporting families and carers to work with partnerships and access the benefits
- Reducing reliance on health and social care services

Dogs for Autism is a small dynamic charity committed to supporting autistic people of any age to expand their horizons and achieve their goals. As the only UK charity specialising in training autism assistance dogs for adults as well as children, without a cost to the individual, the Charity enables a previously isolated group to potentially gain access to support.

The demand for the support of a specially trained autism assistance dog is currently at an all-time high and increasing. In July 2024, the Charity opened its application process to welcome new enquiries. Over the period of a month, 731 applications were received which demonstrated a 43% increase on the previous year, resulting in a ratio of 36 applicants for each application space available.

Research^[1] indicates that more than one in one hundred children and adults are likely to be autistic; this is based on estimations and includes those who have yet to receive a diagnosis. Presently this means that there are at least 700,000 people who might benefit from additional support, and more recent research^[2] estimates the figures in England alone to be greater than 1.2 million.

Growing the number of trained autism assistance dog partnerships remains a priority, whilst ensuring the Charity remains committed to doing this in a way that means a partnership has longevity and impact. Although not every person with autism or their families would benefit from the support of a trained assistance dog, those who would are likely to be those looking to connect with their communities, access work and education and improve their overall wellbeing by accessing necessary services.

Research estimated that the annual cost of autism to the UK economy was £32 billion a year^[3], more than any other medical condition. Impact research has shown that the provision of an autism assistance dog benefits autistic individuals, their families, and wider society. In addition to the direct benefit to the families involved, having access to an assistance dog can have a positive financial benefit for the NHS, reducing the need for medical care such as less frequent need for GP appointments, fewer trips to A&E etc. Being able to access education will provide long lasting benefits to an autistic person and may make it possible for some to make an improved contribution within the working environment that might otherwise not be possible, as well as potentially reducing the need for social care and assistance.

^[1] The NHS Information Centre, Community and Mental Health Team, Brugha, T. et al (2012). Estimating the prevalence of autism spectrum conditions in adults: extending the 2007 Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey. Leeds: NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care

^[2] O'Nions et al, Autism in England: assessing underdiagnosis in a population-based cohort study of prospectively collected primary care data (2023)

^[3] <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jun/09/autism-costs-more-cancer-strokes-heart-disease>



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Our Operational activities

During the reporting period, 10 dogs successfully completed their advanced training and were partnered with an autistic person; this marks a 25% increase on the previous periods and a significant improvement in the overall pass rate, raising this to 80%. 10 new recruits entered the training process and will complete their stage 1 & stage 2 training during the following reporting year ready for matching.

Review and refinement of the way in which the strongest partnerships between a person and a dog can be formed has continued. Throughout this period, a creative approach has been adopted to embrace the benefits of establishing a training hub in Hampshire, using supported local volunteers to raise the young dogs and offer consistency throughout their training.

The recognition of the role dogs can play in identifying the debilitating impact of autistic meltdowns was first recognised by our trainers in 2020. Believed to be the first organisation invested in exploring the potential application of this skill, our pioneering scent work programme has now been established as part of our core training for all our dogs, with each dog learning to differentiate core scents associated with their

future partner's impending meltdown. This early warning alert allows autistic adults and families to have greater freedom, knowing that they will have the opportunity to manage a change in emotional state by moving to a safe place, or even being able to prevent a full meltdown from occurring.

Our People

Investment in the staff and volunteer team continued to be a priority as access was enabled to the Charity Learning Consortium Training Platform in association with our membership body Assistance Dogs UK. Core compliance and developmental training opportunities have been created which provide a strong foundation for maintaining ethical, safe, and legally sound practices across the Charity. Importantly, completing this training also ensures we remain compliant with our ADI and ADUK accreditation standards, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to best practice.

We were in a busy Costa Coffee and Daisy started to signal that Marcus was going to have a meltdown. To me, Marcus looked ok, but we trusted Daisy and moved to the disabled toilets in Costa just in case. Sure enough Marcus started to struggle and thanks to Daisy's intuition and intervention, we were in a safe space to ride it out, and didn't have to leave to go home.





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Our Wellbeing Strategy plays a vital role in creating a supportive and inclusive environment where staff feel valued and able to thrive. By embedding wellbeing into our culture, we have seen increased engagement, improved morale, and stronger retention across our teams. Importantly, the strategy has enabled individuals to feel more comfortable seeking support, fostering openness and resilience. This not only benefits personal wellbeing but also strengthens our organisation's ability to deliver high-quality services and sustain meaningful relationships with those we support.

We have been supported by over 60 volunteers during this time, reflecting a growing community of individuals contributing across a wide range of roles from puppy raisers and bed & breakfast carers to event volunteers, drivers and administrative support. During this time, we have continued to strengthen and expand our volunteer programme, introducing more flexible and accessible ways to get involved. Alongside this, we have improved our onboarding processes, including clearer role pathways, home-check procedures, where needed, and ongoing support from our training team.

We have also seen the continued growth of our volunteer speaker network, enabling us to reach new audiences and communities, with plans to expand this network further afield and ultimately nationwide.

Our active community of Dogs for Autism partnerships made up of adults and children has grown UK wide and continues to thrive. Recent internal impact reporting has shown that the partnership between an autistic person and trained autism assistance dog has a significant positive impact on the life of the person, as well as their wider family. Families report a transformation in their ability to undertake daily activities, including socialising together and being able to work again, as caring roles are decreased. Brother and sisters can develop their own interests and friendships, as deep dependence on familial relationships is relaxed.

Being my daughters only carer, when she shut herself away for years meant I was shut in with her going through all the issues she faced. With having the dog, my daughter has been rescued and with her, so have I.





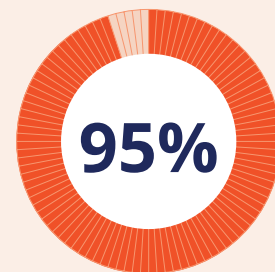
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Once partnered with an autism assistance dog, our partners tell us how, with the support of their dog, they have felt safer to access the world around them.

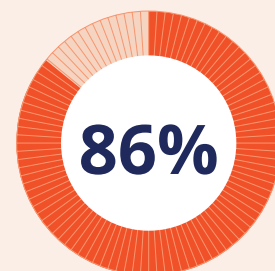
Partnership with a trained autism assistance dog is known to help improve a person's confidence, self-esteem and independence, often leading to feeling able to try new things, attend school or college and engage in physical activities.

Feelings of stress and anxiety are common and often negatively impact a person's ability to cope with daily tasks, communicate with others, and even access good sleep. The presence of an autism assistance dog can have a positive impact in many of these areas.

As part of our commitments, we promise to keep our autistic partners at the centre of what we do and as a result, regular engagement and opportunity to share feedback and learning is a central focus. The appointment of a lived experience autism lead has led to a greater awareness of the needs of individuals we support and how these needs can be accommodated and learnings shared with the wider community.



95% of our partnerships are **more comfortable to access public places** such as shops, cinemas, restaurants and to use public transport



86% reported an **increased feeling of safety in public**

*With **Polly** by my side, life feels more manageable. Together, we reshape my daily challenges into opportunities for connection and support, turning former obstacles into possibilities.*

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Our Dogs

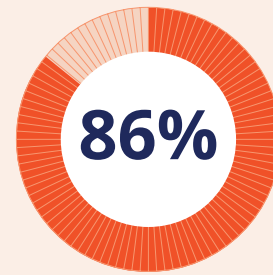
Refinements of the types of dogs selected to join the training programme continues to be a high priority for the operations team. Identifying and selecting the right individuals from high quality sources, including procurement from other reputable assistance dog organisations, not only increases pass rates but improves efficiencies.

Ensuring the physical and emotional needs of the dogs in the training programme are met is another core commitment. For the dogs to be successful in their role, they need to be comfortable working with a variety of handlers, adapting to change, and importantly enjoying their training. The Charity invests in each dog to find the balance between task training, relaxation and play.

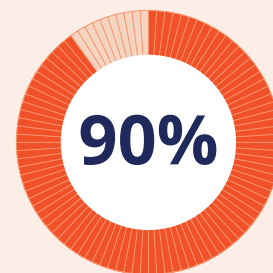
Dog raisers are now actively encouraged to join together for evening sessions of learning and training with their dogs, which benefits both parties in understanding the dog's needs and how to work effectively with them.

Collaboration with other assistance dog training organisations within ADUK to consider best practice and shared values around training and welfare has been a valued activity during this period.

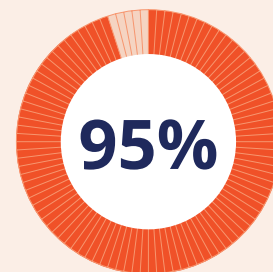
The creation of a successful dual dog partnership with Medical Detection Dogs has been the result of many months of discussion, planning and training and helped to create shared understanding of our common principles in relation to dog welfare and supporting people. The partnership is now supported by a dual trained dog who will alert to potential collapses as well as supporting a range of autism specific needs - enabling the partnership to go from "surviving to thriving".



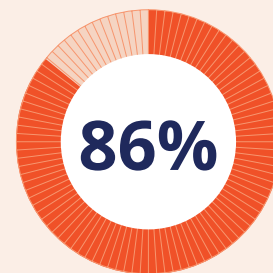
86% of partnerships reported improvements in their overall confidence and self-esteem



90% of partnerships reported improvements in their overall Quality of Life



95% of all partners agree that because of the dog, they have reduced stress and anxiety



86% reported improvements in their overall mental health and a reduction in some challenging autistic behaviours



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Future Plans

In 2025, the Charity received targeted financial support, enabling the recruitment of an experienced strategic consultant to help identify and shape our future strategic priorities. While this work remains in its early stages, initiatives to raise the Charity's profile to reach new audiences, have shown positive results. We will continue to build on this progress as we develop the future of Dogs for Autism to continue to Enrich lives and expand horizons.

Accreditation

Receiving a formal accreditation from Assistance Dogs International (ADI) was an important and pivotal moment for the Charity, as they joined the ranks of their peers across the sector and formally became a member of the Assistance Dogs UK community. The accreditation also reflects the Charity's commitment to promoting excellence in dog training and support, an area for which the Charity has remained committed to through its previous work with European standards of work.

We have stood alongside our peers to support campaigning and awareness raising work in Parliament, with Assistance Dogs UK and the All-Party Parliamentary Dog Advisory Welfare Group as part of a celebration of Assistance Dogs event, leading into healthy conversations with leading politicians about the recognition of the value of assistance dogs and their status.

Special events

The Charity was honored and privileged to be recognised by The Duchess of Edinburgh, as she paid a visit to the Hampshire training centre to meet our volunteers, ambassadors, patrons, partnerships and staff. It created a unique opportunity for the Charity to showcase the profound impact our autism assistance dogs have on the lives of autistic people and reflects a growing awareness of the Charity's importance, as The Duchess of Edinburgh already actively supports the role of assistance dogs in supporting people with disabilities.

Luna is Zana's best friend which is so important for us as Zana hasn't been able to make friends or make connections with other children so her bond with Luna is very special and transformational for Zana's wellbeing.

Zana only really has two words and one of them is Luna.





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The Charity's public profile has also continued to grow with further opportunities to feature on ITV's This Morning with trainee Buddy, our partnerships and a range of celebrity supporters. In addition to this continued support, our ambassadors and our corporate partnerships are actively sharing communications and supporting the growth of our online community.

Community and Events

Our wonderful supporters have continued to engage in a range of personal challenges to raise awareness and funds. Events included the Brighton, Manchester, Paris and London Marathons, The Great North Run, The Three Peaks and various Ultra Challenges to name just a few. We also remain touched by the ongoing local community support we received throughout the year from bake sales to school fundraisers, all helping to bring people together and connect whilst supporting the Charity.

Corporate sponsors

The Charity has been fortunate to have benefitted from corporate sponsorship with Aurora, Infinigate, Trundl and finally Canine Life Co who continue to donate a percentage of their sales to the Charity from their joint supplement product. Vidivet supports the Charity by allowing 24 hour access to their online veterinary support services and Raffle House have adopted Dogs for Autism as a charity partner, generating income through tickets sales to win luxury homes.



HRH Duchess of Edinburgh
with 'Lord Louis of
Spudringham'

Buddy at the
ITV This Morning studios





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Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and the following notes show the performance of the Charity during the year.

Income from fundraising events was £34,549 [2024 £4,520], income from donations was £831,652 [2024 £443,546]. Surplus funds for the period were £73,339 [2024 £41,406].

The increase in income is reflective of the growing awareness of the charity and the relationship management with major donors. The charity's drive towards diversifying income streams, whilst investing in those with the greatest potential return both in short and longer term, such as in legacies and corporate partnerships, is encouraged. The Trustees continue to monitor the balance between the cost of fundraising and charitable activities yet remain satisfied that the cost of fundraising is reasonable during this period and has been refined and efficiencies imbedded since 2024.

We would like to acknowledge the incredible support we have received from all of our supporters. A special mention also goes to the support from Hospital Saturday Fund, The Lawson Trust and The Boshier-Hinton Foundation.

Risk Management

The Trustees actively monitor the risks facing the Charity alongside the Senior Leadership Team. A risk management plan is in place, in which the key areas of risk are examined and discussed on a routine basis, and appropriate mitigation is implemented.

	2025 (extended 18 mths)	2024
New Trainees added to the programme	10	8
Completed training during the year	10	6
Withdrawn during year	2	-11
Dogs in training at end of year	10	18

REVENUE		
Donations	£831,652	£443,546
Charitable events	£34,549	£4,520

COSTS		
Charitable activities costs	£435,256	£92,235
Fundraising costs	£357,607	£314,426



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Engagement with a risk-management specialist has also aided the approach to which risk is assessed and concerns reported.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Charity and company law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended

practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Board of Trustees

Zoe Lattimer
Chair of Trustees

*Having **Arthur** gives us much more freedom as Lewis feels secure when walking with his dog. The general public are more understanding and infinitely kinder when Arthur is with Lewis. Arthur makes Lewis calmer at home and when accessing the community, and he is always on hand with his calm waggy presence during and after a meltdown*

LEWIS AND ARTHUR





Independent examiners report

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Dogs for Autism

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 3) the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Michael Stone

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Date: 29 May 2026



Statement of Financial Activities

(including income & expenditure account)

Note		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025	2024
				TOTAL FUNDS £	TOTAL FUNDS £
	Income from:				
[1]	Donations	767,732	63,920	831,652	443,546
	Income from activities & fundraising	34,549	0	34,549	4,520
	Total income	802,281	63,920	866,201	448,066
	Expenditure on:				
[2]	Charitable activities: Dogs and dog trainers	408,965	26,290	435,256	92,235
	Raising funds	313,688	43,920	357,607	314,426
[3]	Total expenditure	722,653	70,210	792,863	406,660
	Net income/(expenditure) for the period	79,629	(6,290)	73,339	41,406
	Total funds brought forward	69,459	6,290	75,749	34,343
	Total funds carried forward	149,088	0	149,088	149,088

The charitable company has no gains or losses other than those reported above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

2025 accounts are extended for an 18-month period. The decision to move the financial year was taken in order to align with funding cycles and operational activities and to show a more balanced view of the charity's status.

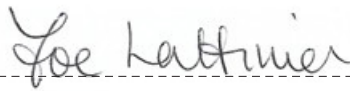


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Balance Sheet

Note		2025 (extended)	2024
		£	£
	Fixed Assets		
	Fixed Assets	9,546	14,206
	Stock	28,500	126,938
	Total Fixed Assets	38,046	141,144
	Current Assets		
	Cash at bank and in hand	120,507	32,120
	Accrued Income		0
	Other assets	13,796	13,164
	Total Current Assets	134,304	45,283
[4]	Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	23,262	110,678
	Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	111,042	(65,394)
	Total Assets less Current Liabilities	149,088	75,750
	Net Assets	149,088	75,750
	Capital and Reserves		
[8]	Unrestricted Funds	149,088	69,460
[8]	Restricted Funds	0	6,290
	Total Capital and Reserves	149,088	75,750

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board on 20th May, 2026 and signed on behalf by:



 Zoe Lattimer, Chair, Dogs for Autism

The notes on pages 19 - 25 are from part of these financial statements.



Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 SORP from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The trustees have considered the financial position, forecasts, and cash flows of the organisation and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

1.2 Income

Income is recognised and included in the accounts when the charity has entitlement; it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Charitable activities: dogs and dog trainers includes the costs directly associated with the purchase and training of assistance dogs.
- Costs of raising funds relate to the charity's management and administrative costs.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

- Fixtures, fittings & equipment: 25% straight line
- The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged in the charity's income and expenditure account.

1.5 Financial instruments

A financial asset or financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.



Notes to the financial statements ...cont

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

1.6 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charity's objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for a particular purpose within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or where funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of the charity's restricted funds are included in the notes to the financial statements.

Transfers are made between funds at the discretion of the trustees

1.8 Value Added Tax

The charity is not registered for VAT and therefore all costs are stated inclusive of VAT where applicable



Notes to the financial statements ...cont

[1] Donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 (extended)	2024
			TOTAL £	TOTAL £
Major donors	614,638	40,000	831,652	443,546
Other donations	187,643	23,920	34,549	4,520
Total	802,281	63,920	866,201	448,066

[2] Expenditure: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 (extended)
			TOTAL £
Dogs and Dog training	48,380	644	49,024
Other direct staff costs	360,585	25,646	386,232
Total	408,965	26,290	435,256

Previous year	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 (extended)
			TOTAL £
Dogs and Dog training	-	71,490	71,490
Other direct staff costs	-	20,744	20,744
Total		92,235	92,235



Notes to the financial statements ...cont

[3] Expenditure: Analysis of total expenditure on raising funds

	2025 (extended)	2024
	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
Direct costs	439,129	96,671
Support costs:		
Accountancy fees	20,065	9,295
Activities costs	218	8,327
Administration staff	180,131	195,532
Advertising and promotion	22,455	15,787
Computer running costs	8,854	3,811
Insurance	11,429	11,565
Non salary staff costs	26,666	20,028
Office costs	43,349	41,043
Professional fees	28,654	3,500
Sundry expense	11,912	1,100
Total	792,863	406,660



Notes to the financial statements ...cont

[4] Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 (extended)	2024
	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
Other creditors	9,769	109,394
Accruals and deferred income	13,492	1,284
Total	23,262	110,678

[5] Staff costs

	2025 (extended)	2024
	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
Gross wages and salaries	395,298	278,262
Employer's National Insurance contributions	25,408	19,156
Employer's pension contributions	8,676	6,874
Total	429,382	304,292

Staff costs relate to subcontracted staff, and the charity had 12 employees during the year. (2024 - 13).
No staff member or employee earned £60,000 per year or more during the year. (2024 - none).



Notes to the financial statements ...cont

[6] Related party transactions

During the year, the charity was not charged for dog training services (2024-£Nil) by one of the key management personnel. No amounts in respect of these transactions were outstanding at 31st July 2025 and the training fees were charged to the charity at arm's length.

There were no transactions with the charity's trustees during the year (2024- none).

[7] Charity status

The charity has no share capital; the members/ Trustees for the time being do not have a liability to contribute if the organisation is wound up.



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[8] Related party transactions

	FEBRUARY £	INCOME £	DIRECT EXPENDITURE £	TRANSFERS £	JULY £
Pets at Home	2,050		(2,050)	-	0
The Mercers	4,240		(4,240)	-	0
Assistance Dogs UK	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	0
Anonymous	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	0
The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	-	6,000	(6,000)	-	0
The Hobson Charity	-	4,800	(4,800)	-	0
The Screwfix Foundation	-	4,570	(4,570)	-	0
The Fence Club Trust Fund	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	0
Alex Roberts Miller	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	0
DWP	-	2,087	(2,087)	-	0
'Toby'	-	713	(713)	-	0
'Maya'		250	(250)		0
Total restricted funds	6,290	63,920	(70,210)	0	0
Total Unrestricted funds	69,460	802,281	(722,653)		149,088
Total funds	75,750	866,201	(792,863)	0	149,088

Unrestricted funds relate only to the CIO's general fund, for use as the Trustees see fit.



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Dogs for Autism

(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation) Charity No. 1181615

Drafted Reports and Financial

Statements for the year ended

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Trustees	Zoe Lattimer (Chair) Richard Wilkinson Max Charman Antonia Brown-Griffin Kellie-Jayne Cox
Senior management team	Hilary Armour Chief Executive Officer Jan Kiley Chief Operating Officer
Patron	Chris Packham
Ambassadors	Carly Jones, MBE Ella Tabb Stephen Brooker Dr Amir Khan Dr Scott Miller Jean-Christophe Novelli
Registered Charity number	1181615
Principal office	Hartley Park Farm Unit 10 Selborne Road Alton Hampshire GU34 3HP
Independent accountants	Jamieson Stone LLP Chartered Accountants Windsor House 40/41 Great Castle Street London W1W 8LU

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Dogs for Autism (A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Administrative Information For the year ended 31st January 2024

Status

Dogs for Autism ("the Charity") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered under the Charities Act 2011 with charity registered number 1181615 and has no share capital. The Charity is governed by its constitution.

Trustees

The Charity's governing body is the Board of Trustees ("the Trustees"). The Charity's constitution requires that there be not less than three nor more than six Trustees. The Trustees may elect new Trustees either to fill vacancies or to increase the number of Trustees up to the maximum permitted.

New Trustees are appointed for an initial three-year term and may be re-appointed to serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

New Trustees will be provided with a suitable induction program to introduce them to the Charity, the Trustees' decision-making process, their obligations under Charity and Company Law, business plan and financial performance and forecasts.

There are currently five Trustees who meet as required to receive management reports and set strategy objectives. During the year under review the Trustees met four times.

Chief Executive

The Trustees have delegated day to day management to the Chief Executive Officer and the senior management team.

Investments

The Charity's constitution states the Trustees have the power to invest surplus funds as they see fit. To date this power has not been exercised.

Principal office:

Hartley Park Farm, Unit 10 Selborne Road, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3HP

Mission

The Charity's mission is to have a positive impact on the lives of autistic individuals and their families. The overall aim is to empower autistic people to realise their individual potential, improve their access to their chosen communities, and to enhance their emotional and physical wellbeing.

Our work

In this fourth year the Charity: continued to introduce new trainees into the programme and train and place dogs with autistic partners. This year the charity saw a substantial increase in the number of young trainee dogs needing to be withdrawn due to failing to reach the standard required during the final stages of training. This was a direct result of the challenges faced in socializing dogs and supporting puppy parent trainers and volunteers during the Covid 19 epidemic.

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Administrative Information

	2024	2023
Dogs in training at beginning of year	27	17
New Trainees added to the program	8	11
Completed training during the year	6	6
Withdrawn during year	-11	-7
Dogs in training at end of year	16	27

Revenue	£	£
Donations	443,546	308,556
Charitable events	4,520	129,796
Advanced Income	0	0

Costs		
Charitable activities costs	92,235	137,818
Fundraising costs	314,426	241,608

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st January 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2024.

The Charity was founded on 17th January 2019.

Principal activities and objectives

The principal activities of the Charity are to promote the health, safety, equality and independence of people in the United Kingdom diagnosed with autism or autistic spectrum disorder by breeding, purchasing or funding puppies and dogs to be trained as autism assistance dogs; provision for the training and welfare of such dogs; and training and educating autistic people, their guardians or carers and families in the use of such assistance dogs and other such services for their benefit.

Principal office:

Hartley Park Farm, Unit 10 Selborne Road, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3HP

Trustees

The following have held office throughout the period: -

Zoe Lattimer (Chair)
Max Charman
Richard Wilkinson
Antonia Brown-Griffin
Kellie-Jayne Cox

Review of activities

During the year the Charity has been successful in both obtaining and increasing sufficient donations and raising funds to cover overhead expenses and meet its primary aims.

Public benefit

In preparing their statements on public benefit, the directors have, in accordance with s.17 of the Charities Act 2011, considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Dogs for Autism provides autistic people with dogs trained to provide suitable assistance and teaches the people and their families how to make best use of those dogs.

This has been an exciting year for the charity, with funding previously received from the Jingle Jam enabling us to take on the lease of new premises. These were transformed over a number of weekends by a team of volunteers, to create our first bespoke training centre. We were again featured on BBC Children in Need Bargain Hunt this year, showcasing the story of Zana and her assistance dog, Luna.

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“One of the most rewarding things for us as puppy B&B parents was knowing that we were making a difference. We were able to help both the dog to learn his skills whilst giving him the best possible experiences as well as enabling the future autistic recipient to have a well-loved assistance dog. Having a trainee autism assistance dog to stay enhanced our own lives, being able to take him on adventures and most importantly being part of our family. Our children were also able to learn about caring for a dog, dog training and the importance of volunteering to help others.”

Based on the number of referrals in the system, there are around 100,000 children and 1,000,000 adults in the UK with autism¹. Although not every autistic person or their family will benefit from access to an assistance dog many can and do. Research published in 2014 estimated the annual cost of autism to the UK economy was £32 billion² compared to £12 billion for cancer and £8 billion for heart disease.²

The provision of autism assistance dogs gives potential benefits to autistic people, their families, and wider society. In addition to the direct benefit to the families involved, having access to an assistance dog can have a positive financial benefit for the NHS, reducing the need for medical care such as less frequent need for GP appointments, fewer trips to A&E etc. Being able to access education will provide long lasting benefits to an autistic person and may make it possible for some to make an improved contribution within the working environment that might otherwise not be possible, as well as potentially reducing the need for social care and assistance.

European NEN Assistance Dog Standards

The charity continues to be working in the CEN TC/452 standards committee – Assistance animals and animal training competencies.

This year the standards have begun the process of international publication, although a good deal of work remains for this project.

Our CEO has completed her tenure as chair of the UK mirror committee and Vice Chair of the European Technical Committee but continues to be an active member of the process as it nears completion.

This is important work as the Assistance Dog sector in the UK is currently unregulated and standards for all is an important first step in improving and future proofing the picture for all assistance dog teams.

Corporate Sponsors

The Charity has benefitted from the support provided by Oscar Pet Foods, VidiVet and Trundl, as well as Canine Life Co, who started their support for us this year.

Oscar Pet Foods continue to supply us with food and nutritional advice for all our dogs during their training period, as well as offering a discount on food for the graduated dogs.

VidiVet provide us with online vet support for all our dogs and this has been an autism friendly lifeline for our partners and their dogs when needing advice at any time of day or night.

¹ NHS Digital, 2021

² BMA Website

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Trundl is a charity walking initiative which donates money from their work, as well as raising awareness of the charity on social media.

Canine Life Co. are donating £1 from each sale of their senior joint supplement tablets.

Major donors

The donors who have contributed £10k or more are: Pets at Home Foundation, BBC Children in Need, Postcode Society Trust, BNA Charity, and Mercers

The charity was also delighted to be chosen by a group of VW drivers, who raised a significant amount of money through 'Run the Ring', in addition to transforming our newly acquired space into a bespoke training centre, at absolutely no cost to the charity.

Our 100 Heroes campaign has raised £1,314 during this financial year.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and following notes show the performance of the Charity during the year.

Income from fund raising events was £4,520 *[2023 £129,769], income from donations was £443,546 [2023 £308,556]

Surplus funds for the period were £41,406 [2023 £58,926].

***Note** Comprising of £5,082 direct fund raising and £124,687 Jingle Jam appeal funding

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Charity and company law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Board of Trustees

Zoe Lattimer

Zoe Lattimer - Chair of Trustees



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Autism Assistance Dog Team – Isabella and Storm



Storm has helped Isabella massively with the huge transitions of the last year. Our family have seen some major changes with Isabella transitioning to high school in September and us moving home to a completely new area and way of life it has meant that her anxiety levels have been high for extended periods compared to normal. Without Storm I am uncertain she would have got through this stage as well as she did! Storm has been her sanctuary during times she hasn't been able to face anyone else! He has sat with her for hours providing deep pressure therapy, helping her to focus and reregulate so she can readily take on the world again the next time she had to leave the house.

<https://youtu.be/ziH4zV1qZ7k?si=GHmwYRvOLHwP540s>

Autism Assistance Dog Team – Peter and Coco

Parents evening.....something I was dreading! Came out so proud - Peter is smashing this year putting everything into all of his classes and trying his absolute hardest. He has achieved more this year than the last 7 years in school. Every one of his 12 teachers commented on the positive impact that Coco has had, they all said he is more confident and forthcoming. Thank you so much to Dogs for Autism for all you have done.



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Autism Assistance Dog Team – Zana and Luna



They have a very special bond, Luna is Zana's best friend. This is so important for us as Zana hasn't been able to make friends or really make connections with other children so her bond with Luna is very special and transformational for Zana's wellbeing.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001sg6r/bargain-hunt-series-66-children-in-need-special>

Autism Assistance Dog Team – Thomas and Megan



"For Thomas, when he's in new situations or loud situations and at school, Megan is brilliant and the teachers have commented on how much she helps. She knows when he gets agitated. What a difference it makes. Simple things like going to a restaurant for a meal you can't do, but Megan has allowed us to do these things as a family."

Independent Accountants' Report to the Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Dogs for Autism

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 3) the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Michael Stone

Michael Stone MA ACA
Independent Examiner
Jamieson Stone LLP
Chartered Accountants
Windsor House
40-41 Great Castle Street
London
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Date: 28 November 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including income & expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Income from:					
Donations	2	332,158	111,387	443,546	438,352
Income from activities & fundraising		4,520	0	4,520	0
				0	0
Total income		336,679	111,387	448,066	438,352
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities: Dogs and dog trainers		0	92,235	92,235	137,817
Raising funds		298,424	16,002	314,426	241,608
Total expenditure	3	298,424	108,236	406,660	379,425
Net income/(expenditure) for the period		38,255	3,151	41,406	58,927
Total funds brought forward		31,204	3,139	34,343	(24,584)
Total funds carried forward		69,459	6,290	75,749	34,343

The charitable company has no gains or losses other than those reported above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including income & expenditure accounts) Continued

Balance sheet
at 31st January 2023

		2024	2023
	<i>Note</i>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Fixed Assets			
Total Fixed Assets		14,206	2,108
Current Assets			
Dogs in training		126,938 *	0
Cash at bank and in hand		32,120	6,319
Accrued Income		0	247,617
Other assets		13,164	0
Total Current Assets		45,283	253,935
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	110,678	221,700
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)		(65,394)	32,235
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		75,750	34,343
Capital and Reserves			
Unrestricted Funds	8	69,460	31,204
Restricted Funds	8	6,290	3,139
Total Capital and Reserves		75,750	34,343

** Change in accountancy treatment to account for the value of dogs in training*

Balance sheet
at 31st January 2023 (continued)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board on 21st November 2024 and signed on behalf by.

Zoe Lattimer

Zoe Lattimer, Chair, Dogs for Autism

The notes on pages 12-18 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements
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1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 SORP from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small Charity.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The trustees have considered the financial position, forecasts and cash flows of the organisation and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

1.2 Income

Income is recognised and included in the accounts when the Charity has entitlement, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Charitable activities: dogs and dog trainers includes the costs directly associated with the purchase and training of assistance dogs.
- Costs of raising funds relate to the Charity's management and administrative costs.

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1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment: 25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged in the Charity's income and expenditure account.

1.5 Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

1.6 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Charity's objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for a particular purpose within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or where funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of the Charity's restricted funds are included in the notes to the financial statements.

Transfers are made between funds at the discretion of the trustees

1.8 Value Added Tax

The Charity is not registered for VAT and therefore all costs are stated inclusive of VAT where applicable

Notes to the financial statements
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2 Donations

Current Year	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024
	£	£	Total £
Major donors	52,287	200,622	252,910
Other donations	59,100	136,056	195,156
	<u>111,387</u>	<u>336,679</u>	<u>448,066</u>
Prior Year	Restricted	Unrestricted	2023
	£	£	Total £
Major donors	53,879	291,897	345,776
Other donations	42,205	50,371	92,576
	<u>96,084</u>	<u>342,268</u>	<u>438,352</u>

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1 Expenditure: Charitable activities

Current Year	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Dogs and Dog training	71,490	-	71,490
Other direct staff costs	<u>20,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,744</u>
	<u>92,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,235</u>
Prior Year	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
Dogs and Dog training	65,313	-	65,313
Other direct staff costs	<u>64,482</u>	<u>8,022</u>	<u>72,504</u>
	<u>129,795</u>	<u>8,022</u>	<u>137,817</u>

4 Expenditure: Analysis of total expenditure on raising funds

	2024	2023
Direct costs	4,436	6,040
Support costs:		
Accountancy fees	9,295	1,500
Activities costs	8,327	6,776
Administration staff	195,532	168,903
Advertising and promotion	15,787	3,277
Computer running costs	3,811	1,126
Insurance	11,565	20,114
Non salary staff costs	20,028	0
Office costs	41,043	25,439
Professional fees	3,500	7,906
Sundry expense	1,100	527
	<u>314,426</u>	<u>241,608</u>

Notes to the financial statements
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5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Other creditors	109,394	101,804
Accruals and deferred income	1,284	119,896
	110,678	221,700

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Staff costs

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	278,262	154,617
Employer's National Insurance contributions	19,156	10,517
Employer's pension contributions	6,874	3,769
	304,292	168,903

Staff costs relate to subcontracted staff and the Charity had 13 employees during the year (2023 - 7).
No staff member or employee earned £60,000 per year or more during the year (2023 - none).

7 Related party transactions

During the year, the Charity was not charged for dog training services (2023- £Nil) by one of the key management personnel. No amounts in respect of these transactions were outstanding at 31st January 2024 and the training fees were charged to the Charity at arm's length.
There were no transactions with the Charity's trustees during the year (2023- none).

8 Charity status

The Charity has no share capital; the members/Trustees for the time being do not have a liability to contribute if the organisation is wound up.

Notes to the financial statements
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9 Funds accounting

	February	Income	Direct Expenditure	Transfers	January
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Pets at Home	3,139	41,600	(42,689)	-	2,050
The Mercers	-	30,000	(25,760)	-	4,240
BBC	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	0
Children in Need	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	0
The Pet Plan Charity	-	6,000	(6,000)	-	0
G.H. MICKLEM Charitable Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	0
G C GIBSON	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	0
Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	0
Andy Thompson Foundation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	0
BERKMANN WINE	-	787	(787)	-	0
Rotary Club	-	500	(500)	-	0
Total restricted funds	3,139	111,387	(108,236)	0	6,290
Unrestricted funds	31,204	336,679	(298,424)		69,459
Total funds	34,343	448,066	(406,660)	0	75,749

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Dogs for Autism

(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation) Charity No. 1181615

Drafted Reports and Financial

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New Trainees added to the program	11	6
Completed training during the year	6	7
Withdrawn during year	-7	-4
Dogs in training at end of year	27	36

Revenue	£	£
Donations	308,556	124,219
Charitable events	129,796	11,911
Advanced Income	0	0

Costs		
Charitable activities costs	137,818	97,187
Fundraising costs	241,608	76,249

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st January 2023

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2023.

The Charity was founded on 17th January 2019.

Principal activities and objectives

The principal activities of the Charity are to promote the health, safety, equality and independence of people in the United Kingdom diagnosed with autism or autistic spectrum disorder by breeding, purchasing or funding puppies and dogs to be trained as autism assistance dogs; provision for the training and welfare of such dogs; and training and educating autistic people, their guardians or carers and families in the use of such assistance dogs and other such services for their benefit.

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Trustees

The following have held office throughout the period: -

Max Charman (Chair)
Zoe Lattimer
Richard Wilkinson
Antonia Brown-Griffin
Kellie-Jayne Cox

Review of activities

During the year the Charity has been successful in both obtaining and increasing sufficient donations and raising funds to cover overhead expenses and meet its primary aims.

Public benefit

In preparing their statements on public benefit, the directors have, in accordance with s.17 of the Charities Act 2011, considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Dogs for Autism provides autistic people with dogs trained to provide suitable assistance and teaches the people and their families how to make best use of those dogs.

The model of having new puppies living with a 'Puppy Parent' from the age of 8 weeks is working well. The charity made the decision during the year to centralise all training from their base in Alton, with puppies being seen twice weekly by the training team during their first year, before moving into their Stage Two training. When ready, they are placed permanently with their autistic partners throughout the UK. Once placed, the dogs and their handlers will receive regular visits and continuing training or refresher work throughout the dogs' working life.

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"We signed up as puppy parents with DFA in June 2022 and a 9 week old golden retriever puppy arrived a couple of weeks later! As a first time dog owner, DFA have been hugely supportive - the WhatsApp group has several very experienced members of staff so someone is always available whether I'm trying to work out feeding quantities or have a puppy health or training question. No question is too silly for them so I never feel stuck or on my own with any challenges. Weekly 1:1 training and puppy classes have given us lots of input and the opportunity to meet like-minded others, which has been an unexpected bonus. Meeting some of the people who have a matched fully-trained

DFA dog already has been inspiring and fascinating. I would highly recommend the experience."

Based on the number of referrals in the system, there are around 100,000 children and 1,000,000 adults in the UK with autism¹. Although not every autistic person or their family will benefit from access to an assistance dog many can and do. Research published in 2014 estimated the annual cost of autism to the UK economy was £32 billion² compared to £12 billion for cancer and £8 billion for heart disease.²

The provision of autism assistance dogs gives potential benefits to autistic people, their families, and wider society. In addition to the direct benefit to the families involved, having access to an assistance dog can have a positive financial benefit for the NHS, reducing the need for medical care such as less frequent need for GP appointments, fewer trips to A&E etc. Being able to access education will provide long lasting benefits to an autistic person and may make it possible for some to make an improved contribution within the working environment that might otherwise not be possible, as well as potentially reducing the need for social care and assistance.

European NEN Assistance Dog Standards

The charity continues to be working in the CEN TC/452 committee Assistance Animals and Animal Training Competencies, and during this year our CEO was elected as Chair of the British Standards Institute UK Mirror group committee AT452. This role entails overseeing the work of UK assistance dog experts from across the sector as they work within and comment upon the work of the wider European committee.

This year has seen the consolidation of work in all the working groups in preparation for the next stage of the process which will see the draft standards sections triggered as New Work Items during 2023. The charity is very proud to be taking a key role in this hugely important work.

Corporate Sponsors

The Charity has benefitted from the support provided by Oscar Pet Foods and VidiVet, and in addition now has the support of Trundl.

Oscar Pet Foods continue to supply us with food and nutritional advice for all our dogs during their training period, as well as offering a discount on food for the graduated dogs.

VidiVet provide us with online vet support for all our dogs and this has been an autism friendly lifeline for our partners and their dogs when needing advice at any time of day or night.

¹ NHS Digital, 2021

² BMA Website

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Trundl is a charity walking initiative which donates money from their work, as well as raising awareness of the charity on social media.

Major donors

The donors who have contributed £10k or more are: Pets at Home Foundation, BBC Children in Need, Postcode Society Trust, Childwick Trust, and The Kennel Club Charitable Trust.

The charity was also delighted to be chosen as one of 12 charities supported by the 2022 Jingle Jam, which raised an incredible sum of money for Dogs for Autism. As part of the Jingle Jam, Golden Retriever puppy, JJ, started his training.

Our 100 Heroes campaign, encouraging 100 people or groups to pledge to raise £1,000 each, is in early stages, with £731 having been raised during this financial year from this campaign.



Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and following notes show the performance of the Charity during the year.

Income from fund raising events was £129,769 [2022 £11,911], income from donations was £308,556 [2022 £124,219]

Surplus funds for the period were £58,926 [2022 -£37,306].

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Charity and company law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Board of Trustees 25th September 2023

Max Charman

Max Charman
Chair of Trustees

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Autism Assistance Dog Team – Rebecca and Lola



She helps with danger awareness. As I am responsible for her, I am more aware of my environment. This greatly improves my ability to be safe around roads, and prevents the flight response that comes with meltdowns because I'm aware that she is with me and running away will put us both in danger. This gives my parents peace of mind, and enables us to make small steps toward independence without the anxiety.

<https://youtu.be/at5ajANbTtA>

Autism Assistance Dog Team – Marcus and Daisy

“Daisy will warn of a meltdown around 20 mins before we can tell it is going to happen. Marcus's meltdowns can be physically dangerous, both for him and those around him, so Daisy's job is incredibly important as we can intervene and put strategies in place before his emotions are beyond his control.”



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Autism Assistance Dog Team – Grace and Makka

I don't like people in my space or touching me, Makka will block behind me to stop people coming too close or will 'orbit' circle round me to keep people away, he will give me deep pressure therapy when I am getting stressed to help me regulate my emotions. He will interrupt self-injurious behaviour such as picking or nail biting and if I am overwhelmed at college he will guide me to a named member of staff or a place on campus.



Autism Assistance Dog Team – Lewis and Arthur



"The general public are more understanding and infinitely kinder when Arthur is with Lewis. Arthur makes Lewis calmer at home and when accessing the community, and he is always on hand with his calm waggy presence during and after a meltdown"

Independent Accountants' Report to the members

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 January 2023.

As the charity's trustees, 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.

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 records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Riches & Company

Chartered Accountants

Date:

34 Anyards Road
Cobham
Surrey
KT11 2LA

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including income & expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Income from:					
Donations	2	342,268	96,084	438,352	124,219
Income from activities & fundraising		0	0	0	11,911
		0	0	0	0
Total income		342,268	96,084	438,352	136,130
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities: Dogs and dog trainers		8,022	129,795	137,817	97,187
Raising funds		238,212	3,396	241,608	76,249
Total expenditure	3	246,234	133,191	379,425	173,436
Net income/(expenditure) for the period		96,034	(37,107)	58,927	(37,306)
Total funds brought forward		(64,830)	40,246	(24,584)	12,722
Total funds carried forward		31,204	3,139	34,343	(24,584)

The charitable company has no gains or losses other than those reported above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including income & expenditure accounts) Continued

Balance sheet
at 31st January 2023

		2023	2022
	<i>Note</i>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Fixed Assets			
Total Fixed Assets		2,108	2,997
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		6,319	2,788
Accrued Income		247,617	0
Total Current Assets		253,935	2,788
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	221,700	30,369
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)		32,235	(27,581)
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		34,343	(24,584)
Capital and Reserves			
Unrestricted Funds	8	31,204	(56,722)
Restricted Funds	8	3,139	32,138
Total Capital and Reserves		34,343	(24,584)

Balance sheet
at 31st January 2023 (continued)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board on and signed on behalf by.

Max Charman

Max Charman, ChairDogs for Autism

The notes on pages 12-18 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31st January 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January

2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 SORP from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small Charity.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The trustees have considered the financial position, forecasts and cash flows of the organisation and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

1.2 Income

Income is recognised and included in the accounts when the Charity has entitlement, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Charitable activities: dogs and dog trainers includes the costs directly associated with the purchase and training of assistance dogs.
- Costs of raising funds relate to the Charity's management and administrative costs.

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1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment: 25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged in the Charity's income and expenditure account.

1.5 Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

1.6 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Charity's objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for a particular purpose within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or where funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of the Charity's restricted funds are included in the notes to the financial statements.

Transfers are made between funds at the discretion of the trustees

1.8 Value Added Tax

The Charity is not registered for VAT and therefore all costs are stated inclusive of VAT where applicable

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31st January 2023

2 Donations

Current Year	Restricted	Unrestricted	2023 Total
	£	£	£
Major donors	53,879	291,897	345,776
Other donations	42,205	50,371	92,576
	<u>96,084</u>	<u>342,268</u>	<u>438,352</u>
Prior Year	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022 Total
	£	£	£
Major donors	32,138	35,223	67,361
Other donations	-	56,858	56,858
	<u>32,138</u>	<u>92,081</u>	<u>124,219</u>

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1 Expenditure: Charitable activities

Current Year	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
Dogs and dog training	65,313	-	65,313
Other direct staff costs	<u>64,482</u>	<u>8,022</u>	<u>72,504</u>
	<u>129,795</u>	<u>8,022</u>	<u>137,817</u>
 Prior Year	 Restricted £	 Unrestricted £	 2022 Total £
Dogs and dog training	-	70,512	70,512
Other direct staff costs	<u>-</u>	<u>26,675</u>	<u>26,675</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>97,187</u>	<u>97,187</u>

4 Expenditure: Analysis of total expenditure on raising funds

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Direct fundraising costs	6,040	5,588
Support costs:		
Accountancy fees	1,500	-
Activities costs	6,776	-
Administration staff	168,903	50,049
Advertising and promotion	3,277	1,519
Computer running costs	1,126	1,990
Insurance	20,114	6,685
Non salary staff costs	-	1,644
Office costs	25,439	5,678
Professional fees	7,906	2,939
Sundry expense	<u>527</u>	<u>158</u>
	<u>241,608</u>	<u>76,249</u>

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31st January 2023

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	£	£
Other creditors	101,804	29,169
Accruals and deferred income	119,896	1,200
	221,700	30,369

*Deferred income relates to the Jingle Jam cash which arrived post YE
Total Deferred in current Financial Year £117,821*

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Staff costs

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	154,617	75,513
Employer's National Insurance contributions	10,517	-
Employer's pension contributions	3,769	1,211
	168,903	76,724

Staff costs relate to subcontracted staff and the Charity had 7 employees during the year (2022 - 1).

No staff member or employee earned £60,000 per year or more during the year (2022 - none).

7 Related party transactions

During the year, the Charity was not charged for dog training services (2022- £11,140) by one of the keymanagement personnel. No amounts in respect of these transactions were outstanding at 31st January 2023 and the training fees were charged to the Charity at arm's length.

There were no transactions with the Charity's trustees during the year (2022- none).

8 Charity status

The Charity has no share capital; the members/Trustees for the time being do not have a liability to contribute if the organisation is wound up.

Notes to the financial statements
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9 Funds accounting

	February	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	January
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Fore Trust: Dog Trainer Coordinator	39,246	-	(39,246)	-	-
Sylvia Waddilove Foundation: Family Bonding	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
BBC Children in Need	-	10,500	(10,500)	-	-
Pets At Home	-	43,379	(40,240)	-	3,139
BERKSHIRE MASONIC	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Card Factory	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
BAILEY CHARI	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
DIDYMUS	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
JAMES COWPER	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
PRIVATE DONOR	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
KENNEL CLUB	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
GROUNDWORK	-	750	(750)	-	-
PAWSABLE	-	1,755	(1,755)	-	-
TALLULAH	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Total restricted funds	40,246	96,084	(133,191)	-	3,139
Unrestricted funds	(64,830)	342,268	(246,234)		31,204
Total funds	(24,584)	438,352	(379,425)	0	34,343

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Accounts



**Dogs for Autism
(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

Charity No. 1181615

**Reports and Financial Statements
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Administrative Information

Key Statistics

	2021	2022
Dogs in training at beginning of year	23	27
New Trainees added to the program	6	6
Completed training during the year	0	7
Withdrawn during year	-5	-4
Dogs in training at end of year	27	36

Revenue	£	£
Donations	121,471	124,219
Charitable events	6,397	11,911
Sponsors/funders	-	-

Costs		
Charitable activities costs	89,405	97,187
Fundraising costs	27,856	76,249

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Trustees' annual report (continued) For the year ended 31st January 2022

Chairs' review

Following on from the incredible challenges of the pandemic, 2021 was a year to embrace new ways of working and of finding ways to move forward, and the Charity's senior management team have worked extremely hard at this. The Charity has been able to increase its funding, enabling the Charity to continue to support its existing partnerships, start new partnerships and increase the number of paid staff, therefore being able to deliver on its mission to expand the horizons of autistic people and enrich the lives of those people and their families.

The Charity has built upon the solid infrastructure created over the last few years and has been in a position to employ administrative and support staff to create momentum moving forward.

As noted last year, many of the decisions made both last year and again this year will need to evolve and develop as the Charity continues to grow. Key areas for the coming year include:

- Maximising revenue
- Developing the fundraising team, to include corporate and community fundraising

The Covid-19 pandemic was disproportionately challenging for the autistic community, with high levels of anxiety, difficulties in processing information and uncertainty about the future. Many autistic people struggle with change and a lack of routine and the lack of control over what is happening in the world, coupled with such a dramatic change in routine, caused major stress. Due to the pandemic, we were again unable to hold any in person information sessions for prospective applicants. We held an online virtual information session that attracted 370 participants and 105 applications for an assistance dog, compared to only 6 new dogs joining the training program, demonstrating only too clearly that the supply of trained assistance dogs does not come close to meeting the demand.



This year has been about continuing to adapt to the financial and logistical challenges created by the pandemic, finding new ways to work with our autistic partners and enable their relationships with their dogs to continue, despite lockdown restrictions, as well as finding new and long term income streams to replace those lost from cancelled fundraising activities.

We are proud of the way the charity has adapted during this challenging period, enabling us not only to continue supporting our current partnerships, but to also begin new partnerships, opening up the world for more autistic people and their families.

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On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank all our staff, trainers, volunteers, sponsors and donors, without whom none of this would be possible.

Max Charman

Max Charman, Chair
Dogs for Autism

30 November 2022

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Trustees' annual report (continued) **For the year ended 31st January 2022**

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2022. The Charity was founded on 17th January 2019.

Principal activities and objectives

The principal activities of the Charity are to promote the health, safety, equality and independence of people in the United Kingdom diagnosed with autism or autistic spectrum disorder by breeding, purchasing or funding puppies and dogs to be trained as autism assistance dogs; provision for the training and welfare of such dogs; and training and educating autistic people, their guardians or carers and families in the use of such assistance dogs and other such services for their benefit.

Principal office:

32 Kings Hill, Beech, Hampshire, GU34 4AL

Trustees

The following have held office throughout the period: -

Max Charman (Chair)
Zoe Lattimer
Richard Wilkinson
Antonia Brown-Griffin
Kellie-Jayne Cox (appointed 7 October 2021)

Review of activities

During the year the Charity has been successful, in difficult circumstances, in both obtaining and growing sufficient donations and raising funds to cover overhead expenses and meet its primary aims.

Public benefit

In preparing their statements on public benefit, the directors have, in accordance with s.17 of the Charities Act 2011, considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.



Dogs for Autism provides autistic people with dogs trained to provide suitable assistance and teaches the people and their families how to make best use of those dogs.

Our model, which is constantly under review, has been evolving and new puppies generally live with a 'Puppy Parent' from the age of 8 weeks, being seen twice weekly by the training team during their first year, before moving into their Stage Two training. When ready, they are placed permanently with their autistic partner. Once placed the dogs and their handlers will receive regular visits and continuing training or refresher work throughout the dogs' working life.

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Data released by NHS Digital in 2021 estimates that autism currently affects 1–2% of the UK population. Therefore, based on the number of referrals in the system, there are around 100,000 children and 1,000,000 adults in the UK with autism¹. Although not every autistic person or their family will benefit from access to an assistance dog many can and do. Research published in 2014 estimated the annual cost of autism to the UK economy was £32 billion compared to £12 billion for cancer and £8 billion for heart disease.²

The provision of autism assistance dogs gives potential benefits to autistic individuals, their families, and wider society. In addition to the direct benefit to the families involved, having access to an assistance dog can have a positive financial benefit for the NHS, reducing the need for medical care such as less frequent need for GP appointments, fewer trips to A&E etc. Being able to access education will provide long lasting benefits to an autistic person and may make it possible for some to make an improved contribution within the working environment that might otherwise not be possible, as well as potentially reducing the need for social care and assistance.

European NEN Assistance Dog Standards

The charity continues to be working in the CEN TC/452 committee Assistance Animals and Animal Training Competencies, and during this year our CEO was elected as Chair of the British Standards Institute UK Mirror group committee AT452. This role entails overseeing the work of UK assistance dog experts from across the sector as they work within and comment upon the work of the wider European committee.

This year has seen the consolidation of work in all the working groups in preparation for the next stage of the process which will see the draft standards sections triggered as New Work Items during 2023. The charity is very proud to be taking a key role in this hugely important work.

Covid-19

During the year under review, the charity – and indeed the world – continues to be impacted by the effects of the pandemic. Training has been able to return to normal over the last few months but there have been inevitable delays in reaching training goals, and an increased demand for our services since the start of the pandemic. Our autistic recipients have also needed more support to overcome their anxiety about leaving the home, which has been exacerbated by the pandemic. Combined with cancelled fundraising activities, this has provided challenges, and the charity is proud to have come through this time with increased resilience.

Corporate Sponsors

The Charity has benefitted from the support provided by Oscar Pet Foods and VidiVet.

Oscar Pet Foods continue to supply us with food and nutritional advice for all our dogs during their training period.

VidiVet provide us with online vet support for all our dogs and this has been an autism friendly lifeline for our partners and their dogs when needing advice at any time of day or night.

¹ NHS Digital, 2021

² BMA Website

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Major donors

The donors who have contributed £10k or more are: Pets at Home Foundation, BBC Children in Need, The Bailey Legacy and St James Place.

Our Ambassador, Stephen Brooker, organised and directed an incredible musical evening in aid of Dogs for Autism and the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice; this was a fitting end to the charity's financial year and a way to celebrate the re-opening of theatres following the constraints of lockdown.

During the year we launched our 100 Heroes campaign and are seeking 100 people or groups to pledge to raise £1,000 each during 2022. Following its launch in mid 2021, £20,000 has been raised so far through this campaign.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and following notes show the performance of the Charity during the year.

Income from fund raising events was £11,911 [2021- £6,397] and income from donations was £124,219 [2021- £121,471]. Surplus funds for the period were -£37,306 [2021- 21,237].

During the year £97,187 (2021- £89,405) was incurred for charitable activities and £76,249 (2021- £27,856) on fund raising activities.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Charity and company law require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Board of Trustees

30 November 2022



Max Charman
Chair of Trustees

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Autism Assistance Dog Team – Zana and Luna



"Luna is a loyal, non judgmental and responsive bundle of tail wagging joy- the definition of a positive companion and true friend. Zana has multiple disabilities which mean that she struggles to make connections and communicate. Since Luna has entered our lives Zana dances with delight and has learned her second word, which aptly is 'Luna'".

https://youtu.be/8ZADMiWu_Nk

Autism Assistance Dog Team – Peter and Coco

"Coco came into our lives, full-time, in January 2022. The change in Peter since this point has been amazing. He will now engage in conversation with strangers to talk about Coco. He will now come into a shop with me as he has Coco to keep him grounded. Coco comforts Peter when he is anxious or upset, demonstrated at his brother's Confirmation, where she sat on Peter's lap when he found the situation overwhelming."



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Autism Assistance Dog Team – Josh and Bailey

“Having Bailey has made a big difference to Josh. He usually finds a change of routine and location stressful which can lead to meltdowns, but having Bailey helps him relax and gives him something to focus on..”



Autism Assistance Dog Team – Isabella and Storm

*“How my pup helps me...
Storm is my dog,
He sleeps like a log,
His teeth are sharp,
He has the key to my heart,
He helps me feel calm,
Stops me scratching my arms,
Wakes me up in the morning,
When I just feel like yawning,
I am autistic
But you could easily miss it
He helps me relax when it feels like a lot,
Lays with me in our favourite calm spot,
Rests his head on my chest,
Makes me feel my best,
I am autistic
but you could easily miss it
Going out can be tough,
It can feel really rough,
Loud sounds and crowds
Make me want to scream out loud,
He will make it less tough
By letting me give him a tummy rub,
I am autistic
but you could easily miss it”*



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Autism Assistance Dog Team – Harry and Aero



“Since having Aero in our lives we’ve had so many amazing moments with Harry and Aero. Harry has really engaged with her and lights up when she comes round to visit. Harry has even started to say her name and prior to this Harry is very isolated in his play and he’s non-verbal. We had a lovely message from his teacher saying the same thing! They have regular pictures of Aero and they share them with him. Also as a family Aero brings us all so much happiness she’s a beautiful girl and helps us all interact together. We are honestly so grateful for the opportunity to have her and knowing what a difference she will make to our life.”

Independent Accountants' Report to the members of

Dogs for Autism (a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 January 2022.

As the charity's trustees, 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.

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 records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.



Riches & Company

Chartered Accountants

Date: 30 November 2022

34 Anyards Road
Cobham
Surrey
KT11 2LA

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Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31st January 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations	2	92,081	32,138	124,219	121,471
Income from activities & fundraising		11,911	-	11,911	6,397
Total income		103,992	32,138	136,130	127,869
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities: Dogs and dog trainers		97,187	-	97,187	89,405
Raising funds		76,249	-	76,249	27,856
Total expenditure	3	173,436	-	173,436	117,261
Net income/(expenditure) for the period		(69,444)	32,138	(37,306)	10,608
Total funds brought forward		4,614	8,108	12,722	2,114
Total funds carried forward		(64,830)	40,246	(24,584)	12,722

The charitable company has no gains or losses other than those reported above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
at 31st January 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:					
Tangible fixed assets		2,997		1,556	
		<u>2,997</u>		<u>1,556</u>	
		2,997		1,556	
Current assets:					
Cash at bank		2,788		14,091	
		<u>2,788</u>		<u>14,091</u>	
		2,788		14,091	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(30,369)		(2,925)	
		<u>(30,369)</u>		<u>(2,925)</u>	
Total net current assets			(27,581)		11,166
			<u>(27,581)</u>		<u>11,166</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			(24,584)		12,722
			<u>(24,584)</u>		<u>12,722</u>
Represented by:					
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	8		(56,722)		4,614
Restricted funds	8		32,138		8,108
			<u>(24,584)</u>		<u>12,722</u>
Total Funds			(24,584)		12,722
			<u>(24,584)</u>		<u>12,722</u>

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**Balance sheet
at 31st January 2022 (continued)**

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board on 30 November 2022 and signed on behalf by.

Max Charman

**Max Charman, Chair
Dogs for Autism**

The notes on pages 15-18 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31st January 2022

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 SORP from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small Charity.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The trustees have considered the financial position, forecasts and cash flows of the organisation and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

1.2 Income

Income is recognised and included in the accounts when the Charity has entitlement, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Charitable activities: dogs and dog trainers includes the costs directly associated with the purchase and training of assistance dogs.
- Costs of raising funds relate to the Charity's management and administrative costs.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment: 25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged in the Charity's income and expenditure account.

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1.5 Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

1.6 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Charity's objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for a particular purpose within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or where funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of the Charity's restricted funds are included in the notes to the financial statements.

Transfers are made between funds at the discretion of the trustees

1.8 Value Added Tax

The Charity is not registered for VAT and therefore all costs are stated inclusive of VAT where applicable

2 Donations

Current Year	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £
Major donors	32,138	35,223	67,361
Other donations	-	56,859	56,859
	<u>32,138</u>	<u>92,081</u>	<u>124,219</u>
Prior Year	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
Major donors	10,000	60,785	70,785
Other donations	-	40,686	40,686
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>101,471</u>	<u>111,471</u>

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3 Expenditure: Charitable activities

Current Year	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £
Dogs and dog training	-	70,512	70,512
Other direct staff costs	-	26,675	26,675
	<u>-</u>	<u>97,187</u>	<u>97,187</u>
 Prior Year	 <i>Restricted £</i>	 <i>Unrestricted £</i>	 2021 Total £
<i>Dogs and dog training</i>	<i>1,892</i>	<i>68,057</i>	<i>69,949</i>
<i>Other direct staff costs</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>19,456</i>	<i>19,456</i>
	<u><i>1,892</i></u>	<u><i>87,513</i></u>	<u><i>89,405</i></u>

4 Expenditure: Analysis of total expenditure on raising funds

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Direct fundraising costs	5,588	2,137
Support costs:		
Accountancy fees	-	-
Activities costs	-	-
Administration staff	50,049	9,634
Advertising and promotion	1,519	1,087
Computer running costs	1,990	3,374
Insurance	6,685	1,603
Non salary staff costs	1,644	3,422
Office costs	5,678	5,139
Professional fees	2,939	1,460
Sundry expense	158	
	<u>76,249</u>	<u>27,856</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Other creditors	29,169	1,725
Accruals and deferred income	1,200	1,200
	<u>30,369</u>	<u>2,925</u>

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6 Staff costs

	2022	2021
	Total	Total
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	75,513	29,090
Employer's National Insurance contributions	-	-
Employer's pension contributions	1,211	-
	<u>76,724</u>	<u>29,090</u>

Staff costs relate solely to subcontracted staff and the Charity had 1 employee during the year (2021 - none).
No staff member or employee earned £60,000 per year or more during the year (2021 - none).

7 Related party transactions

During the year, the Charity was charged £11,140 for dog training services (2021-£16,495) by one of the key management personnel. No amounts in respect of these transactions were outstanding at 31st January 2022 and the training fees were charged to the Charity at arm's length.
There were no transactions with the Charity's trustees during the year (2021- none).

8 Charity status

The Charity has no share capital; the members/Trustees for the time being do not have a liability to contribute if the organisation is wound up.

9 Funds accounting

	February	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	January
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Fore Trust: Dog Trainer Coordinator	7,108	32,138	-	-	39,246
Sylvia Waddilove Foundation: Family Bonding	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Total restricted funds	<u>8,108</u>	<u>32,138</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,246</u>
Unrestricted funds	4,614	103,992	173,436	-	(64,830)
Total funds	<u>12,722</u>	<u>136,130</u>	<u>173,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,584)</u>

Unrestricted funds relate only to the CIO's general fund, for use as the Trustees see fit.

Accounts



**Dogs for Autism
(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

Charity No. 1181615

**Reports and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st January 2021**

Dogs for Autism (a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

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Trustees	Max Charman (Chair) Zoe Lattimer Richard Wilkinson (re-elected April 2021) Antonia Brown-Griffin (appointed 1 October 2020)	
Senior management team	Hilary Armour Jan Kiley Philippa Sjoberg	Chief executive officer Operations manager Trainer co-ordinator
Patron	Rory Cowlam "Rory the Vet"	
Ambassadors	Carly Jones, MBE Ella Tabb Stephen Brooker	
Registered Charity number	1181615	
Principal office	32 Kings Hill Beech Hampshire GU34 4AL	
Independent accountants	Riches & Company 34 Anyards Road Cobham Surrey KT11 2LA	

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Dogs for Autism

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Administrative Information

Status

Dogs for Autism ("the Charity") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered under the Charities Act 2011 with charity registered number 1181615 and has no share capital. The Charity is governed by its constitution.

Trustees

The Charity's governing body is the Board of Trustees ("the Trustees"). The Charity's constitution requires that there be not less than three nor more than six Trustees. The initial Trustees were appointed on incorporation of the Charity and the Trustees may elect new Trustees either to fill vacancies or to increase the number of Trustees up to the maximum permitted.

New Trustees are appointed for an initial three-year term and may be re-appointed to serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

New Trustees will be provided with a suitable induction program to introduce them to the Charity, the Trustees' decision-making process, their obligations under Charity and Company Law, business plan and financial performance and forecasts.

There are currently four Trustees who meet as required to receive management reports and set strategy objectives. During the year under review the Trustees met 6 times.

Chief Executive

The Trustees have delegated day to day management to the Chief Executive Officer and the senior management team.

Investments

The Charity's constitution states the Trustees have the power to invest surplus funds as they see fit. To date this power has not been exercised.

Principal office:

32 Kings Hill, Beech, Hampshire, GU34 4AL

Mission

The Charity's mission is to have a positive impact on the lives of autistic individuals and their families. The overall aim is to empower autistic people to realise their individual potential, improve their access to their chosen communities, and to enhance their emotional and physical wellbeing.

Our work

In this second year the Charity:

- Enrolled 6 new dogs to our training program
- Placed 5 dogs with their forever family
- Became Candidate Member of Assistance Dogs UK and Assistance Dogs International

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Trustees' annual report For the year ended 31st January 2021

Chairs' review

This has been a very challenging second year, with fundraising badly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Charity's senior management team have worked extremely hard to find new sources of funding and to replace income lost by cancelled fundraising events. The charity has raised sufficient funding to enable the Charity to continue to support its current partnerships, as well as starting new partnerships, and therefore being able to deliver on its mission to expand the horizons of autistic people and enrich the lives of those people and their families.

By the end of the financial year tremendous progress has been made to establish a strong infrastructure for the Charity including:

- Maintaining partnerships with key sponsors
- Expanding a network of trainers
- Providing autism training for all staff
- Sourcing and starting the training program for another six dogs
- Appointing a Training Coordinator

There remains a lot of work to be done and many of the decisions made this year will need to evolve and develop as the Charity grows. Key areas for the coming year include:

- Maximising revenue
- Working with freelance fundraisers to develop long term partnerships with sponsors and funders



The Covid-19 pandemic has been disproportionately challenging for the autistic community, with high levels of anxiety, difficulties in processing information and uncertainty about the future. Autistic people struggle with change and a lack of routine and the lack of control over what is happening in the world, coupled with such a dramatic change in routine, is causing major stress. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold any information sessions for prospective applicants. We saw a 38% increase in enquiries over the lockdown periods and have many families waiting to attend an information session, with those already assessed waiting for a dog to be available.

This second year has been about adapting to the financial and logistical challenges created by the pandemic, finding new ways to work with our autistic partners and enable their relationships with their dogs to continue, despite lockdown restrictions, as well as finding new income streams to replace those lost from cancelled fundraising activities.

We are proud of the way the charity has adapted during this challenging period, enabling us not only to continue supporting our current partnerships, but to also begin new partnerships, opening up the world for more autistic people and their families.

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On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank all our staff, trainers, volunteers, sponsors and donors, without whom none of this would be possible.

Max Charman

Max Charman, Chair
Dogs for Autism
13 September 2021

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Trustees' annual report (continued) For the year ended 31st January 2021

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The following have held office throughout the period: -

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Zoe Lattimer
Richard Wilkinson

A new Trustee, Antonia Brown-Griffin, was appointed on 1 October 2020 for a term of three years

Review of activities

During the period since inception the Charity has been successful in obtaining sufficient donations & raising funds to cover overhead expenses and meet its primary aims.

Public benefit

In preparing their statements on public benefit, the directors have, in accordance with s.17 of the Charities Act 2011, considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.



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By Order of the Board of Trustees

13 September 2021



Max Charman
Trustee

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Autism Assistance Dog Team – Grace and Makka



"Makka is working hard and keeping me happy and ready to learn with me with my anxieties that are high when at college. Having Makka by my side is brilliant for my independence and confidence that I lack when things start going wrong, and when I think that I can't do it anymore he is there, putting his nose in my hand to say I'm here for you, and will take me to find a safe place to calm down and get ready to go back to lesson."

Autism Assistance Dog Team – Lewis and Arthur

Arthur is a truly gentle soul. Bred in East Sussex, he is half brother to the six Labrador puppies who were gifted to us in 2019. Arthur's job is to help Lewis and his family get out and about with Lewis doing 'tummy lead', to be a calming influence and best friend for Lewis in the home.

Arthur also helps Lewis regulate his sensory integration needs by providing deep pressure therapy. Lewis is a non-verbal, severely autistic child who finds communication difficult. Arthur is his constant companion and very best friend.



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Autism Assistance Dog Team – Rebecca and Lola

"In the first lockdown I didn't leave the house for 13 weeks. I didn't even go in the garden. But when we had Lola I was going out every day, we were going for about an hour walk with her. She doesn't judge me; she doesn't think I'm odd because I think differently than other people or I react differently to certain situations than other people, or because my brain just works entirely differently. She just gets it."

<https://youtu.be/GJfWAO7vf94>



Autism Assistance Dog Team – Elizabeth and Poppy



"Today, Poppy our amazing dog, took my daughter out to play. This might not sound like a big thing until you understand that she didn't go outside for nearly 4 years due to her anxieties. Having Poppy has made it possible to go outside, to play, to laugh, to feel safe and protected from the world around her. In short, Poppy has made living a normal life possible and we can't thank her enough."

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Autism Assistance Dog Team – Emily and Lilly



"The best part about having Lilly is I feel like I have a real friend for life. I used to feel really alone to a point where going into uni became difficult for me. But having Lilly come in with me has given me the confidence to able to attend and participate in lectures and seminars and interact with the other people on my course. She is also able to keep me calm when I'm not in a good mood or if I'm late or if someone is sat in my normal space. Where I would not go in or leave the room, Lilly has helped me to stay focussed and reassure me that everything is OK."

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dogs for Autism

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 January 2021.

As the charity's trustees, 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.

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 records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.



Riches & Company

Chartered Accountants

Date: 13 September 2021

34 Anyards Road
Cobham
Surrey
KT11 2LA

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**Statement of financial activities for the
year ended 31st January 2021**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	Restated 2020 Total £
Income from:				
Donations	111,471	10,000	121,471	44,603
Charitable activities	6,397	-	6,397	11,124
Total income	117,869	10,000	127,869	55,727
Expenditure:				
Charitable activities	87,513	1,892	89,405	47,314
Raising funds	27,856	-	27,856	6,299
Total expenditure	115,369	1,892	117,261	53,613
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	2,500	8,108	10,608	2,114
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,500	8,108	10,608	2,114
Total funds brought forward	2,114	-	2,114	-
Total funds carried forward	4,614	8,108	12,722	2,114

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 9 to the financial statements.

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Balance sheet
As at 31st January 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:				
Tangible fixed assets	1,556		-	
	<u>1,556</u>		<u>-</u>	
Current assets:				
Cash at bank	14,091		3,961	
	<u>14,091</u>		<u>3,961</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(2,925)</u>		<u>(1,847)</u>	
Total net current assets	<u>11,166</u>		<u>2,114</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities	<u><u>12,722</u></u>		<u><u>2,114</u></u>	
Represented by:				
Funds				
Unrestricted funds	4,614		2,114	
Restricted funds	<u>8,108</u>		<u>-</u>	
Total funds	<u><u>12,722</u></u>		<u><u>2,114</u></u>	

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 13 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Max Charman

Max Charman, Chair
Dogs for Autism

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31st January 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 SORP from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small Charity.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The trustees have considered the financial position, forecasts and cash flows of the organisation and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

1.2

Income

Income is recognised and included in the accounts when the Charity has entitlement, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Charitable activities: dogs and dog trainers includes the costs directly associated with the purchase and training of assistance dogs.
- Costs of raising funds relate to the Charity's management and administrative costs.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment: 25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged in the Charity's income and expenditure account.

1.5 Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

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1.6 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Charity's objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for a particular purpose within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or where funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of the Charity's restricted funds are included in the notes to the financial statements.

Transfers are made between funds at the discretion of the trustees

1.8 Value Added Tax

The Charity is not registered for VAT and therefore all costs are stated inclusive of VAT where applicable

2 Donations

Current Year	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
Major donors	10,000	60,785	70,785
Other donations	-	40,686	40,686
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>101,471</u>	<u>111,471</u>
Prior Year	<i>Restricted £</i>	<i>Unrestricted £</i>	2020 Total £
Major donors	-	8,950	8,950
Other donations	-	35,653	35,653
	<u>-</u>	<u>44,603</u>	<u>44,603</u>

3 Expenditure: Charitable activities

Current Year	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
Dogs and dog training	1,892	68,057	69,949
Other direct staff costs	-	19,456	19,456
	<u>1,892</u>	<u>87,513</u>	<u>89,405</u>
Prior Year	<i>Restricted £</i>	<i>Unrestricted £</i>	2020 Total £
Dogs and dog training	-	39,288	39,288
Other direct staff costs	-	8,026	8,026
	<u>-</u>	<u>47,314</u>	<u>47,314</u>

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4	Expenditure: Analysis of total expenditure on raising funds	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
	Direct fundraising costs	2,137	-
	Support costs:		
	Accountancy fees	-	1,200
	Activities costs	-	564
	Administration staff	9,634	1,264
	Advertising and promotion	1,087	-
	Computer running costs	3,374	516
	Insurance	1,603	-
	Non salary staff costs	3,422	-
	Office costs	5,139	2,663
	Professional fees	1,460	92
		27,856	6,299
5	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
	Other creditors	1,725	647
	Accruals and deferred income	1,200	1,200
		2,925	1,847
6	Staff costs	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
	Gross wages and salaries	29,090	9,290
	Employer's National Insurance contributions	-	-
	Employer's pension contributions	-	-
		29,090	9,290

Staff costs relate solely to subcontracted staff and the Charity had no employees during the year (2020 - none).
No staff member or employee earned £60,000 per year or more for the period ended 31st January 2020.

7 Related party transactions

During the year, the Charity was charged £16,495 for dog training services by one of the key management personnel. The same person was reimbursed £600 for the purchase of an assistance dog on behalf of the Charity. No amounts in respect of these transactions were outstanding at 31st January 2021 and the training fees were charged to the Charity at arm's length.

There were no transactions with the Charity's trustees during the year (2020 - none).

8 Charity status

The Charity has no share capital; the members/Trustees for the time being do not have a liability to contribute if the organisation is wound up.

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**Notes to the financial statements For the
year ended 31st January 2021**

9	Funds accounting	At 1	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31
		February 2020 £				January 2021 £
	Restricted funds	-	9,000	1,892	-	7,108
	Fore Trust: Dog Trainer Coordinator	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
	Sylvia Waddilove Foundation: Family Bonding	-	10,000	1,892	-	8,108
	Total restricted funds	2,114	117,869	115,369	-	4,614
	Unrestricted funds	2,114	127,869	117,261	-	12,722
	Total funds					
	Unrestricted funds relate only to the CIO's general fund, for use as the Trustees see fit.					



Accounts



**Dogs for Autism
(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

Charity No. 1181615

Reports and Financial Statements

for the period ended

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Dogs for Autism **(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

Company information

Trustees	Max Charman (Chair) (appointed 17 January 2019) Zoe Lattimer (appointed 17 January 2019) Richard Wilkinson (appointed 17 January 2019)	
Senior management team	Hilary Armour Jan Kiley Philippa Sjoberg	Chief executive officer Operations manager Trainer Co-ordinator
Registered Charity number	1181615	
Principal office	32 Kings Hill Beech Hampshire GU34 4AL	
Independent accountants	Riches & Company 34 Anyards Road Cobham Surrey KT11 2LA	

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Dogs for Autism (a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Administrative Information

Status

Dogs for Autism ("the Charity") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered under the Charities Act 2011 with charity registered number 1181625 and has no share capital. The Charity is governed by its constitution.

Trustees

The Charity's governing body is the Board of Trustees ("the Trustees"). The Charity's constitution requires that there be not less than three nor more than six Trustees. The initial Trustees were appointed on incorporation of the Charity and the Trustees may elect new Trustees either to fill vacancies or to increase the number of Trustees up to the maximum permitted.

New Trustees are appointed for an initial three-year term and may be re-appointed to serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

New Trustees will be provided with a suitable induction program to introduce them to the Charity, the Trustees' decision making process, their obligations under Charity and Company Law, business plan and financial performance and forecasts.

There are currently three Trustees who meet as required to receive management reports and set strategy objectives. During the period under review the Trustees met 5 times.

Chief Executive

The Trustees have delegated day to day management to the Chief Executive Officer and the senior management team.

Investments

The Charity's constitution states the Trustees have the power to invest surplus funds as they see fit. To date this power has not been exercised.

Principal office:

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Mission

The Charity's mission is to have a positive impact on the lives of autistic individuals and their families. The overall aim is to empower autistic people to realise their individual potential, improve their access to their chosen communities, and to enhance their emotional and physical wellbeing.

Our work

In this first year the Charity:

- Enrolled 9 puppies to our training program
- Placed 10 dogs with their forever family
- Set up a pilot project for dogs to support the young people at the Chorley OnSide Youth Zone

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Trustees' annual report (continued) For the first period ended 31st January 2020

Chairs' review

This first year has seen a huge amount of hard work put in by the Charity's senior management team to identify suitably qualified trainers local to the forever family, sourced and implemented training plans for the initial dogs, raised sufficient funding to enable the Charity to deliver on its mission to expand the horizons of autistic people and enrich the lives of those people and their families.

By the end of the financial year tremendous progress has been made to establish the right structures for the Charity including:

- Appointing senior management team
- Creating partnerships with key sponsors
- Developing a network of trainers
- Sourcing and starting the training program for our first 10 dogs
- Raising sufficient funds to enable the Charity to begin to deliver its strategic objectives.

There remains a lot of work to be done and many of the decisions made this year will need to evolve and develop as the Charity grows. Key areas for the coming year include:

- Expanding the network of trainers, especially in the North of England
- Expanding the management team
- Maximising revenue
- Developing long term partnerships with sponsors and funders

As expected, our limited number of public information days resulted in 47 applications for an autism assistance dog of which we had only been able to accept 15 during the period under review. At the time of writing this review a further 9 dogs have been sourced and all of these have been allocated their forever families. This huge demand serves as a reminder to us all of the importance of our work.

Even at this early stage in the working lives of these first dogs the impact they have on their special person and their forever families is truly humbling. Our trainee dogs have already facilitated:

- regular access to education,
- shopping trips
- leaving the home environment
- social interaction
- de-stress, anxiety and emotional support

This first year has been very much about laying the right foundations; creating the right structures to enable the Charity to grow and deliver on its aim to provide an assistance dog to as many autistic people as possible, in order to expand the horizons and enrich the lives of those autistic people and their families.

On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank all our staff, trainers, volunteers, sponsors and donors, without whom none of this would be possible.

Max Charman

Max Charman, Chair
Dogs for Autism

30 November 2020

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Trustees' annual report (continued) For the first period ended 31st January 2020

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the first period ended 31st January 2020. The Charity was founded on 17th January 2019.

Principal activities and objectives

The principal activities of the Charity are to promote the health, safety, equality and independence of people in the United Kingdom diagnosed with autism or autistic spectrum disorder by breeding, purchasing or funding puppies and dogs to be trained as autism assistance dogs; provision for the training and welfare of such dogs; and training and educating autistic people, their guardians or carers and families in the use of such assistance dogs and other such services for their benefit.

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Review of activities

During the period since inception the Charity has been successful in obtaining sufficient donations & raising funds to cover overhead expenses and meet its primary aims.

Public benefit

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By Order of the Board of Trustees 30 November 2020

Max Charman

Max Charman
Trustee

Dogs for Autism (a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Independent Accountants' Report to the Trustees

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Dogs for Autism for the first period ended 31st January 2020 set out on pages 5 to 11 from the Charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/>

This report is made solely to the Board of Trustees of Dogs for Autism, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Dogs for Autism and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of Dogs for Autism, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF as detailed at icaew.com. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Dogs for Autism and its Board of Trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Dogs for Autism has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of Dogs for Autism. You consider that Dogs for Autism is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Dogs for Autism. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.



Riches & Company

Chartered Accountants

Date 30 November 2020

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Dogs for Autism
(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Statement of financial activities
for the period from 17th January 2019 to 31st January 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £
Incoming resources				
Donations		44,603	-	44,603
Income from activities & fundraising		11,124	-	11,124
Total incoming resources		55,727	-	55,727
Charitable expenditure				
Direct cost of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives		47,314	-	47,314
Activity implementation costs	3	564	-	564
Management and administration	4	5,735	-	5,735
Total resources expended		53,613	-	53,613
Net income for the period		2,114	-	2,114
Fund balances carried forward		2,114	-	2,114

The charitable company has no gains or losses other than those reported above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

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Balance sheet at 31st January 2020

	Note	2020 £	£
Current assets:			
Cash at bank		3,961	
		3,961	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,847)	
Total net current assets			2,114
Total assets less current liabilities			2,114
Represented by:			
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	9		2,114
Restricted funds	9		-
			2,114

For the financial period ended 31st January 2020 the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period in question in accordance with section 476;
- The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 November 2020 date

Max Charman

Max Charman
Trustee

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Notes to the financial statements for the first period ended 31st January 2020

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP 2 (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102). The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

The Charity is registered under the Charity Act 2011 in England with registration number 1181615 and its principal office is 32 Kings Hill, Beech, Hampshire, GU34 4AL

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

These financial statements are presented in sterling which is also the functional currency of the Charity.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The trustees have considered the financial position, forecasts and cash flows of the organisation and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

1.2 Incoming resources

Income is recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred in accordance with the period of the donation as specified by the donor.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Costs of generating funds comprise those costs directly attributable to obtaining donations and sponsorship.

Management and administration comprises costs for the running of the company.

1.4 Funds accounting

Funds held by the Charity are:

Unrestricted Funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted Funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the first period ended 31st January 2020

1.6 Taxation

As a registered charity, the Charity is exempt from liability to corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.7 Leasing arrangements

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the unrestricted reserves on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2 Operating profit

Operating profit stated after charging:	2020 £
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Accountants' remuneration	1,200
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3 Activity & fundraising costs

2020
£

Activities costs	564
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564

4 Management and administration

2020
£

Administration salary	1,264
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Office costs	2,663
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Accountancy fees	1,200
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Professional fees	92
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Computer costs	516
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5,735

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2020
£

Other creditors	647
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Accruals and deferred income	1,200
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1,847

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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6 Staff costs

	2020 £
Gross wages and salaries	9,290
Employer's National Insurance contributions	-
Employer's pension contributions	-
	9,290

No employee earned £60,000 per year or more for the period ended 31st January 2020.

The average number of persons employed by the Charity was 1.

7 Related parties/trustees' remuneration

The Charity was founded on 17th January 2019.

No remuneration was paid to the Trustees during the first period.

No Trustee or other person related to the Charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Charity during the current and prior year.

8 Company Status

The company has no share capital; the members/Trustees for the time being do not have a liability to contribute if the organisation is wound up.

9 Funds

Unrestricted funds relate only to the Charity's general fund, for use as the trustees see fit.

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for the first period ended 31st January 2020

	£	2020	£
Income			
Donations			44,603
Income generated from charitable activities			11,124
			55,727
 Expenditure			
Direct dog costs	39,288		
Direct costs of events and fundraising	564		
Salaries - operations	8,026		
Salaries - administration	1,264		
Advertising and promotion	115		
Insurance	365		
Printing, postage and stationery	400		
Other administration costs	817		
Travel and accommodation	621		
Accountancy fees	1,200		
Professional fees	92		
Computer costs	516		
Depreciation	345		
			(53,613)
Operating profit & surplus for the year			<u><u>2,114</u></u>