
MISS MAGGIE'S SUPPER BOX

ANNUAL REPORT 2020


Registered Charity Number 1182492



INTRODUCTION

On the front cover of this year's annual report is a photo of Miss Maggie May, this charity is a legacy to her and to all older sighthounds who have been abandoned, neglected or left without loved ones following bereavement or changes to home circumstances.

Miss Maggie's story is the story of the charity, quite simply without a rescue intervening when they did Miss Maggie would have died alone, starving and in pain. Miss Maggie's story sadly is not unusual, the fortunate ones are found and rescued, and many dogs owe their lives to those who



rescue them. Miss Maggie's Supper Box helps the rescuers by providing financial support in the form of grants/donations.

This year has been very different from the norm, Covid - 19 emerged changing the lives of many people around the world. It was not long before it started to have a major impact on our society and for rescues this resulted in their normal large fundraising events being cancelled and lockdowns resulted in their charity shops closing, without these income streams they were soon struggling financially.

This charity did not have the same pressure as many others as we do not have dogs in our care, we were therefore able to continue supporting and building relationships with rescues and supporters. Our plan for the year had been to get out and about to events, raising the charities profile at the same time as fundraising, unfortunately this was put on hold, however donations still arrived enabling us to continue to help rescues with care needs and vet fees for the older sighthounds in their care.

The Annual report and Accounts were approved by the Trustees named on our Annual Return on the 14th January 2022.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In what has been a very worrying year for so many people it has at times been difficult to fully function. The charity has Three Trustees, two of which work in busy health environments therefore discussion and planning has been kept to the minimum, but positive actions have continued.

This year we have:

- 1) Provided grants to 23 older sighthounds residing in 16 rescues.*
- 2) Provided Covid specific financial support (due to reduction in income) to 2 rescues for the older sighthounds in their care.*

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- 3) *Had overwhelming and generous support from our supporters*
 - 4) *Continued to raise the profile of the abuse and neglect that sighthounds can be subject to.*
 - 5) *Continued to raise the profile of the charity by reaching out and offering financial support to rescues who have older dogs in their care.*
 - 6) *Used social media to share older sighthounds looking for homes*

Importantly we move into the next financial year feeling positive, the charity has survived a difficult year, we have continued to support rescues and we are in a sound financial position.

OBJECTIVES

Our key objective as set out in our CIO Constitution is to “relieve the suffering of elderly lurchers and sighthounds in need of care and attention and in particular to provide grants to maintain rescue home and other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals”.

We primarily exist to provide financial support, in the form of grants to UK rescues who take in older abandoned, neglected and unwanted sighthounds aged 8 and above. It is also crucial that the charity, as well as raising funds actively promotes the ethos that older sighthounds are worthy of help and that adoptions /fostering are both worthwhile and rewarding.

ACHIEVEMENTS



1. Support

Support is twofold, without the support of the public, we would not be in existence; the charities achievements are their achievements, and we are so very grateful. Our objective is to support the care of older sighthounds in rescue and in point 3 and 5 you will see how we have achieved this.

2. Donations

Donations allow us to make grants, without them we would fail to exist. In what has been a difficult year the charity received donations of £7,004 a 26% increase on the previous year. Donations came from both individuals and groups. A proportion of the donations are gift aid eligible¹ this is claimed at the end of each financial year.

3. Grants

Our key objective and the reason for the charity is to provide grants to older sighthounds in rescue. Grants are allocated according to our funding procedure and are predominately given to named individual dogs. In most cases the grant will be given to pay for veterinary care and treatment. We are pleased to report that during this financial period we made grants/donations totalling £4,660 for 23 individual sighthounds in 16 rescues and £456 Covid- 19 specific financial support to two rescues for sighthounds in their care who met the criteria for support.

As stated, grants have been made to support rescues financially when they are facing veterinary fees associated with older dogs in their care. These fees are often very significant sums of money that put additional strain on already over stretched resources, an example of one such case is detailed below.

Case Study

We have included this one case study to demonstrate the condition that some dogs arrive in, this case is not unusual and although extremely serious by no means the worst case that we have come across.

Case Study

2 dogs arrive in rescue together in what was described as “the most awful, heartbreaking state”. She was seen by the vet who identified the following: - She was chipped which gave her

¹ Please note that gift aid for this financial April 1st, 2020, to March 31st, 2021, are not included in this year’s accounts.

date of birth as 2007 making her at least 13 years old at the time of her rescue, she had very sore skin and lice caused by severe neglect. Her mouth was full of rotten teeth and pus, making it difficult for her to eat, this may have been the reason for her being underweight at barely 14 kgs.

This wasn't all she also had many mammary masses and as if she hadn't suffered enough her bottom lip was missing. It appeared that this may have been ripped off (sometimes seen when dogs are used for badger baiting etc) and never treated "Her poor old body is very battered and scarred".

The second dog is male a white and cream skinny little lurcher (16 kg) and again he has **"a poor battle-scarred old body"**. He is not chipped so his age could not be confirmed although the vet put his age at around 10 plus. The vet found the following

A Mouth full of pus and rotten teeth, a large mass in his groin area which needed urgent investigation. He had not been neutered and had only one descended testicle which was very worrying due to his age.

The vet fees for these 2 badly neglected dogs were going to be at least £3000 we initially sent £250 with the offer of more support if required.

Table 1 lists the 16 rescues that we have supported this year and Table 2 provides information on the reasons why the grants/donations were made. This year once again saw poor dental hygiene top the list for support, grants totaling £1,250 went towards dental treatment alone.

Table 1 lists the 13 Rescues that we have supported this financial year.

Table 1

Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary	G.R.A.C.E	Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary	Birmingham Greyhound Protection	Lurcher SOS
Grinshall Animal Rescue	Dogs Friends	Evesham Greyhound and lurcher Rescue	Skylors Rescue	Greyhound Rescue Wales
Greyhound Protection UK	Greys 11 plus	Greyhound Gap	Hectors Greyhound Rescue	Castledown Greyhound Rescue
		Greyhound Welfare (South Wales)		

Table 2

Dental extractions	Tumours	Neutering	Severe neglect	Emergency Care	Vaccinations
Skin conditions	Food treats for Anorexia	Exploratory tests	Covid Appeal	Wound treatment	

4. Fundraising

Events that had been penciled in were all cancelled, but the pandemic did allow for an unexpected fundraising opportunity, which was the need for face coverings, one of the trustees has a small sewing studio which enabled her to make face coverings in lieu of donations to the charity, this raised a very unexpected £1,000.

5. Social media

The Facebook page continues to grow² and alongside our Instagram account it allows us to share appeals, older sighthounds that are in rescue looking for homes, educational posts and informs people about where and why donations have been sent.

² <https://www.facebook.com/missmaggieoldies>

The page is very participative in nature it is friendly and supportive and allows followers of the page to message and alert us to older dogs in rescue needing help.

6. Impact and Value

Rescue's take a significant risk when they take in older sighthounds, they may have many underlying conditions unknown at the time of rescue and they may take longer to rehome. We are sometimes contacted directly by rescues asking if we can help but often, we will have been alerted to a case by one of our supporters or while browsing rescue pages. When we see sighthounds who meet our criteria, we will contact the rescue offering support. The relief is often palpable, for the rescues this is often just one dog of many they have in their care needing extensive and expensive support.

Our value is twofold, we predominately use donations for the benefit of sighthounds, the accounts demonstrate that trustees are all voluntary, are not paid and do not claim expenses, therefore very little is spent on anything other than grants.

Value also comes from Miss Maggie's Supper Box Facebook page where the online community is inclusive and open. General discussion, the sharing of older dogs looking for homes, supporting people when grieving for dogs they have lost. A general camaraderie in a group of people who all believe in the same thing, that dogs as sentient beings and deserving of a good life that is free from fear, pain and suffering.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ACCOUNTS

The accounts for this financial period have been submitted separately using the charity Commissions Receipt and Payment format.

The charity has no liabilities and the only asset held is the cash that has been raised from donations and fundraising.

Receipts for this accounting period totaled £8,360 (Eight Thousand, three hundred and sixty pounds) and payments amounted to £5860 (Five thousand, eight hundred and sixty pounds)

Expenditure is predominately grant related, other expenses have included the annual cost of the website³ sundries for fundraising and fees associated with PayPal and Squarespace.

³ <https://www.missmaggiesupperboxfund.co.uk/>

This has been a particularly difficult time for many people and charities, so the trustees are pleased that the charity is moving into the next financial year in a sound financial position. The rationale for this is that donations are steady, we have no debts or overheads, and we only give grants and donations when we can afford to do so

The Annual report and Accounts were approved by the Trustees on 14th January 2022.
Signed on behalf of the Trustees by Deborah Mason on the 19th of January 2022

Signature

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2020

To


Period end date
31/03/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	7,004	-	-	7,004	5,542
Fundraising	1,017	-	-	1,017	-
Gift Aid	341	-	-	341	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,362	-	-	8,362	5,542
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,362	-	-	8,362	5,542
A3 Payments					
Grants/Donations	5,166	-	-	5,166	3,390
Paypal Fees	35	-	-	35	27
Square Space Fees	35	-	-	35	29
Website Annual Fee	216	-	-	216	173
Web Page Domain	13	-	-	13	8
Fundraising Sundries	396	-	-	396	86
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,861	-	-	5,861	3,713
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	5,861	-	-	5,861	3,713
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,501	-	-	2,501	1,829
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,407	-	-	3,407	-
Cash funds this year end	5,908	-	-	5,908	1,829

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash funds this year end	5,908	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,908	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Deborah Mason CCXX R3 accounts (SS)		 3	D Mason	14/01/2022

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