

# MISS MAGGIE'S SUPPER BOX

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



Registered Charity Number: 1182492

## Introduction

This is our third annual report, and we are pleased to say that although times have been a little difficult, we have thankfully been able to continue to help rescues who have senior sighthounds in their care.

The start of our reporting year April 2021 saw us saying goodbye to some of the covid measures, with non-essential retail, outdoor venues and hairdressers opening. June and July saw further restrictions lifted such as the opening of indoor venues and the removal of

The uncertainty around what would or would not be allowed during the year did however mean that planning for fundraising events could not take place which unfortunately resulted in a loss of fundraising opportunities.

Towards the end of this reporting year just as things were getting back to some sort of normality towards the end of our reporting year Russia invaded Ukraine creating uncertainty, displacement of people and animals as well as steep increases in inflation world-wide

Why would this matter to a small rescue like ours, in a downturn people have less expendable income to support charities, they are concerned about financial security and rising bills, and they may have to decide which charities they can continue to support.

We are lucky we have no overheads; we have no dogs in our care and we only give money if we have it to give, this enables us to manage our finances and the charity without risk.

Our income has reduced this year predominately due to a lack of fundraising opportunities; some thought will need to go into how we address this in future years.

## Executive Summary

Although we have received fewer donations and fundraising has been difficult this year, we have still been able to:

1. Provide grants to 15 older sighthounds residing in 6 rescues
2. Continue to receive help from people who support the charity
3. Use our social media platform to share older sighthounds looking for homes.
4. Continue to raise the issue of the neglect and abuse that these dogs are sometimes subjected to.
5. Reach out to rescues, informing them of the financial help that we can provide.

## 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 (donations) 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 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, firstly is the support that we give to rescues, the second is the support that the public give to the charity without which the charity would probably be unable to function. The public are our eyes and ears they let us know when sighthounds need our help, they fundraise, donate and they spread the word. We are grateful for their continued interest and concern for the welfare of older sighthounds.

### 2. Donations

We continue to receive donations, which enables us to continue with our work.

### 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 this year they have all been given to named dogs who have needed veterinary care and treatment or supplements for joints.

We are pleased to report that this financial year we made grants/donations totaling £2,117 for 15 individual sighthounds in 6 rescues.

We have included a case study again this year as it clearly demonstrates the condition of some of the dogs that arrive in rescues, these cases unfortunately are not unusual.

The case study was taken from the rescue's page, please note some detail including the names of the dogs involved have been removed.

Over the weekend we had a handsome pair of gents surrendered into us for rehoming after their elderly dad found he could no longer cope with their care. Caring for the dogs became too much of a burden for him and he was struggling to cope.

Concerned neighbor's, who have been popping in to help feed the dogs, contacted the rescue for help and after they spoke to the dog's owner, he agreed to allow the dogs to be taken into the rescues care for rehoming.

The owner had tried so hard and had done his best under the circumstances, but hound 1 and his brother hound 2 had fallen into a bit of state. The rescue cleaned them up and got them straight to the vet to be looked over.

Hound 1 was in desperate need of some dental work and hound 2 had to have blood tests which thankfully all came back clear and although his teeth were not perfect, they were not bad enough to warrant anesthetic at his age. Hound 2's main problem was terrible red, hot, itchy skin and the odour coming from this condition. The dog was prescribed some special medicated shampoo for his skin condition and was also put on long term pain relief for his arthritis.

Hound 1 didn't get off as lightly he had blood tests followed by urine tests to check his kidneys, which came back with signs of dehydration but were good enough to go ahead with the dental. The vet managed to squeeze him in there and then, and he had 10 teeth out... including the whole of his toothy smile they were really rotten, and he will be much happier without them.

This extract is from the rescue's face book page written the following day.

*"Just to add to the success of yesterday's veterinary work, our special appeal resulted in a couple of fantastic applications of interest to adopt them together!*

*So, once they have recovered from yesterday's ordeal, they will hopefully go back out into a loving home to spend the rest of their days! Fingers crossed!*

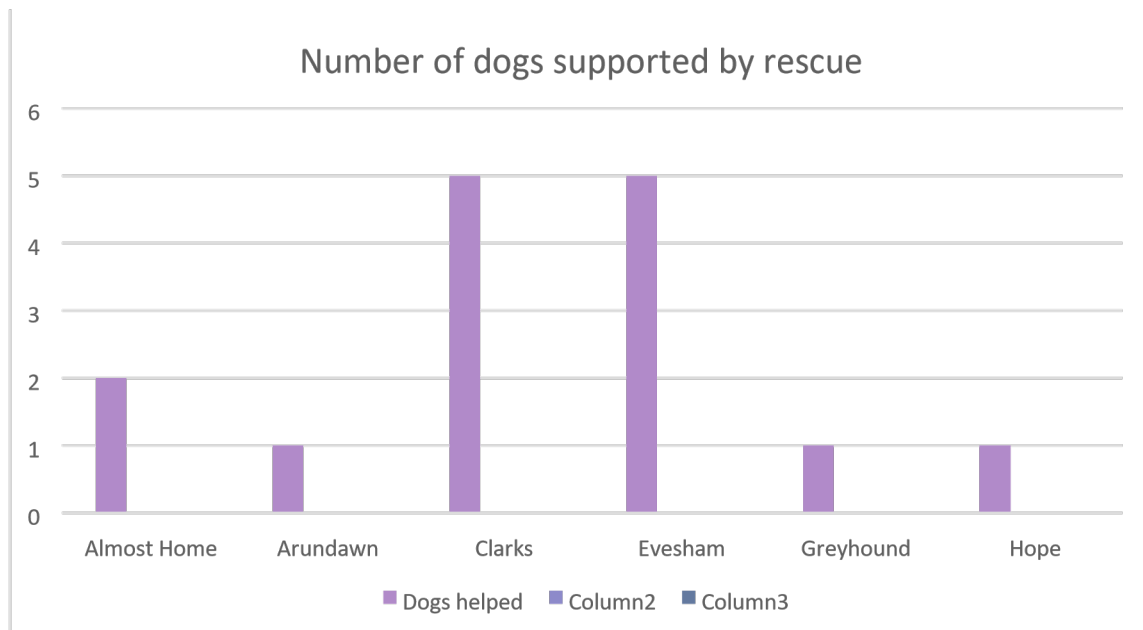
*We are so grateful to Miss Maggie's Supper Box for already pledging £300 toward their veterinary care, and to everyone that donated yesterday"*

Miss Maggie's Supper Box was so pleased to be able to help, this is what we are here to do in total we have supported 6 rescues this year. These are detailed in the list below:

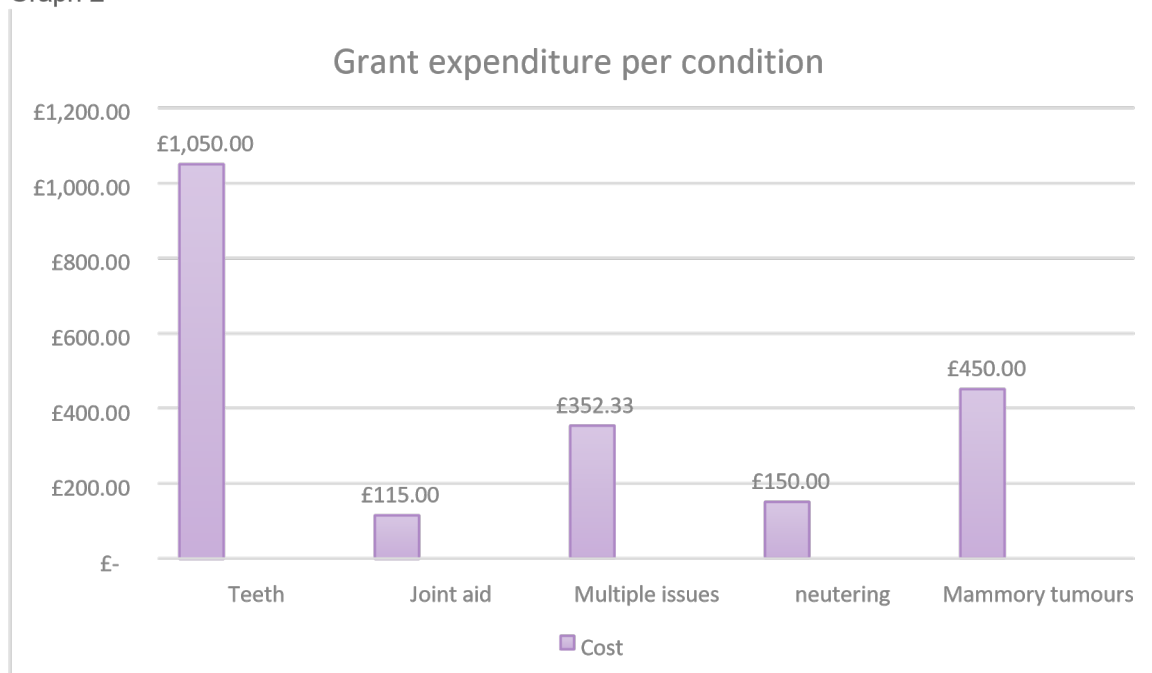
- 1) Almost Home Dog Rescue
- 2) Arundawn
- 3) Clarks Farm Greyhound Rescue
- 4) Evesham Greyhound and Lurcher Rescue
- 5) Greyhound Gap
- 6) Hope Rescue

Graph 1 depicts the number of dogs helped per rescue and Graph 2 demonstrates what our grants were spent on. It is worth noting that for rescues some of these dentals can cost around the £600 plus mark and for tests and treatment for mammary gland tumours the cost is even higher than that. These prices are usually subsidised by good vets keeping their costs for rescues as low as possible.

Graph 1



Graph 2



## 4. Impact and Value

Rescues take a significant risk when they take in older sighthounds, they may have many underlying conditions and can take longer to rehome. Some older dogs are in people's homes as long term fosters, their home is for their lifetime, but the rescue will pay future vet fees and ongoing treatment costs.

We are sometimes contacted directly by rescues asking if we can help but often, we or one of our supporters will have seen these older dogs on

Facebook. When we are alerted to or see a dog that meets our criteria<sup>1</sup> we contact the rescue offering our support we will send a grant for the named dog. The relief is often palpable and although we cannot pay the full amount needed for the dog's care and treatment our contribution will often take some of the pressure of the rescue.

Fortunately, the charity has no real expenses all the trustees are voluntary, no salaries or expenses are incurred. The charity is run from home and no claims are submitted for this resulting in almost all the income going directly to the care of sighthounds.

Value also comes in the form of our social media presence, particularly the face book page <https://www.facebook.com/missmaggieoldies> where the online community is inclusive, open and encouraging. The page shares older sighthounds that are lost and those looking for homes and advice from vets on how to look after dogs. The community also supports people who are grieving for their dogs most of the community know exactly how this feels.

A general camaraderie in a group of people who all believe in the same thing, that dogs are sentient beings and whatever their age or condition are deserving of a good life that is free from pain, fear and suffering.

Here is feedback from 2 of the rescues we have helped this year

***“Hello, thank you so much you have always been so supportive of our golden oldie appeals!! £300 is so darn generous, thank you so much” January 2022***

***“A huge thank you to all at Miss Maggie’s Supper Box Today they contacted me and let me know a donation of £250 will be being sent to Greyhound Gap towards beautiful (dogs name removed) ongoing care costs. Feb 2022***

## Financial Accounts

The accounts for this period have been submitted separately using the Charity Commissions Receipt and Payment Format.

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<sup>1</sup> In the UK, age 8 years and above, in a rescue and in need of treatment or additional support

Miss Maggie's Supper Box 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 £2,600 (Two Thousand six hundred pounds) and payments £2,450 (Two Thousand four hundred and fifty)

Expenditure is predominately grant related, the expenses are incurred from paying for the website, PayPal fees and fundraising sundries.

We go into 2022/2023 with a balance of £6000 (six Thousand pounds) placing the charity in a good financial position.

The Annual report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by Deborah Mason on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/04/2021

To

Period end date  
31/03/2022

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	1,801	-	-	1,801	7,004
Fubndraising	808	-	-	808	1,017
	-	-	-	-	341
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>8,362</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>8,362</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grants	2,117	-	-	2,117	5,166
Paypal Fees	12	-	-	12	35
Square Space	2	-	-	2	35
Web site	216	-	-	216	216
Web site domain	13	-	-	13	13
Fundraising sundries	84	-	-	84	396
Postage	14	-	-	14	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b>5,861</b>

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	2,458	-	-	2,458	5,861
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	151	-	-	151	2,501
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	5,862	-	-	5,862	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	6,013	-	-	6,013	2,501

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
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		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-


**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	D MASON	23/01/2023