

MISS MAGGIE'S SUPPER BOX

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Registered Charity Number 1182492



Miss Maggie's Supper
Box

1. Introduction

Welcome to the 2022 annual report, we are reporting on activity carried out between April 2022 to March 2023.

We are grateful that with the public's continued support Miss Maggie's Supper Box has been able to continue its mission of helping dog rescues who admit senior sighthounds into their care.

The world of animal rescue has always been about managing resources, however this year has been particularly difficult. Research by the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH)¹ showed that demand for rescue dogs declined during the year while the number of dogs being abandoned was higher than during 2021, unfortunately this is likely to remain the case for the foreseeable future.

The other key issue is lockdown dogs, those who work in rescues knew that with so many people buying dogs during lockdown that they would be picking up the pieces afterwards.

The research carried out by ADCH confirmed this view with 70% of ADCH member rescues surveyed, reporting an influx of dogs with behavioural issues. This is in line with studies indicating that inexperienced dog owners are giving up dogs they acquired during lockdown and are now unable to care for, due to a variety of factors.

Miss Maggie's Supper Box is shielded from a lot of the angst that is around since our criteria for funding is set, meaning that only sighthounds over the age of 8 in the UK are eligible to receive our grants, this enables us to keep control over our finances but to be able to help when needed.

2. Executive Summary

The highlights of the year are listed below, with further detail given under heading 4 our achievements.

This year we have:

- o Provided grants to 15 older sighthounds residing in 11 rescues.
- o Continued to receive help from people who support the charity.

¹ The Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) is the umbrella group and leading representative charity for dog and cat rescue and rehoming organisations across the UK and ROI.
<https://adch.org.uk/the-association-of-dogs-and-cats-homes-adch-warns-the-rising-cost-of-living-is-leading-to-an-animal-welfare-crisis/>

- o Used our social media platform to share older sighthounds looking for forever and foster homes.
- o Continued to raise the issue of the neglect and abuse that some of these dogs endure.
- o Reached out to rescues, informing them of the financial help that we can provide.

3. 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 homes 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.

4. Achievements

Support

Support is twofold, it is the support that we give to rescues but it is also the support the public give to the charity, this enables the charity to function. The public remain 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 their concern for the welfare of older sighthounds.

Donations and Fundraising

We have a small but loyal group of people who continue to make donations and fundraise, it is this that supports our grant giving.

Grants

Our key objective and the reason the charity was set up is to provide grants to older sighthounds in rescue. Grants are allocated according to our funding procedure and this year as in previous years they have been given to named dogs who have needed veterinary care and treatment.

We are pleased to report that over the last 12 months we have made grants/donations totaling £1,900, this is slightly lower than the £2117 we gave last year, but we are expecting this to increase during 2023/2024.

This year's grants went to the same number of dogs as in the previous year, 15, but we have almost doubled the number of rescues that have been supported.

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.

Please note that some details including the names of the dogs involved have been *removed*.

A rescue had a dog returned to them because the owner could not afford the vet fees needed to treat the dog. (This was the first time this had occurred in this rescue)

The dog was adopted from the rescue 5 years previously with her brother, but due to a death in the family her owner was starting to struggle. A quote for £1,200 to treat the dog's teeth was the final straw as they knew they did not have the money to help the dog.

The owner contacted the rescue and asked them to take both his dogs back into rescue and like so many other responsible rescues who are asked to take dogs back they did not hesitate to step in and help.

While it was only one of his dogs that needed the most help, the owner did not want to separate the 2 as they had spent their whole lives together, even during their racing days. They were so bonded that they retired at the same time so they could be kept together.

The dog's teeth were in a dreadful condition, but the rescue was most concerned about her general physical condition and were sure there was going to be a deeper and more sinister underlying problem which was going to end her story long before her time.

The rescue put out an appeal for help and Miss Maggie's Supper Box responded by sending £150.

Sadly, the dog passed away 4 weeks later, the rescue was of course devastated, but they did all they possibly could and for those 4 weeks she received the best possible care. Her brother was happily adopted.

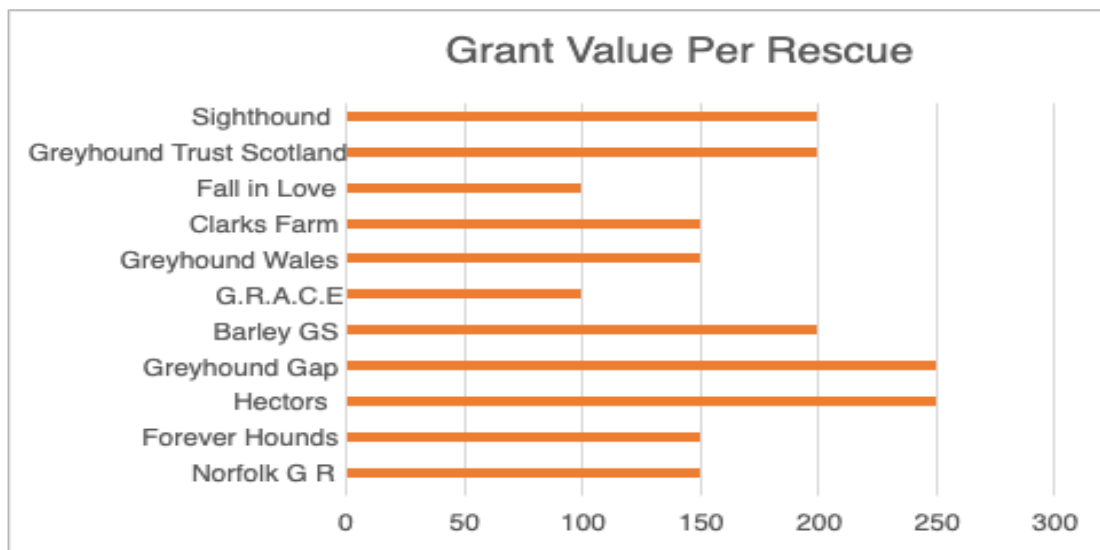
These are the rescues that we have supported this year, some have been supported more than once and we do not limit the number of grants given.

1. Barley Greyhound Sanctuary (2 dogs)
2. Clarks Farm Greyhound Rescue
3. Fall In Love with a Rescue
4. Forever Hounds
5. Greyhound Gap (2 dogs)

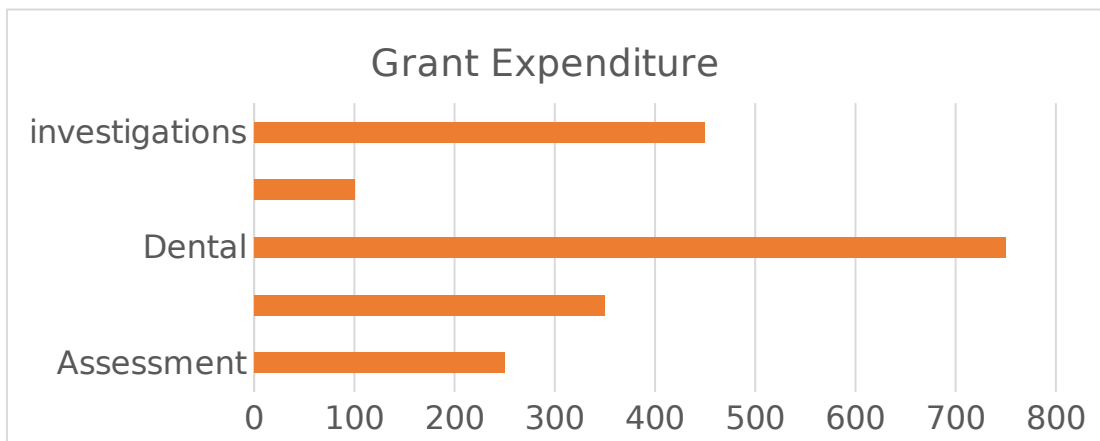
6. Greyhound Trust (West Scotland)
7. Greyhound Rescue (Wales) (2 dogs)
8. Greyhound Rescue and Coordinated Emergencies (G.R.A.C.E)
9. Hectors Greyhound Rescue (2 dogs)
10. Norfolk Greyhound Rescue
11. Sighthound Rehoming

Graph 1 shows the funding amount given to those rescues listed above during this financial period, no grant has been below £100 and anything over £200 is normally when a grant has been given for a complex need or when 2 older dogs arrive in rescue together. Graph 2 demonstrates how the money has been spent.

Graph 1



Graph 2



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, this will be their home 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, we contact the rescue offering our support and we will send a grant for the dog in question. The amount we send is just a very small percentage of the overall veterinary costs, but it helps and that is what matters.

Fortunately, the charity has very few fixed expenses and 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 most of the income received being spent directly on the care of sighthounds, this will remain the case as we go forward.

Value also comes in the form of our social media presence, particularly the face book page <https://www.facebook.com/missmaggieoldies> the online community has grown this year to over 1,000 followers, the page is inclusive, open, and encouraging.

The page shares appeals, older sighthounds that are lost and those looking for homes. The Facebook page also includes warnings for dog owners, for example what type of human food and plants can be Poisonous for dogs, weather warnings heat and cold etc.

There is 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 their condition they are deserving of a good life that is free from pain, fear, and suffering.

We regularly have positive feedback from rescues that demonstrate impact, 3 example from this year are included.

"Thank you so much - it's so greatly appreciated, thank you from the bottom of our hearts "

Fall in Love with a Rescue 10th January 2023

"Thanks for the generous donation towards Sophie's vet fees. Gratefully appreciated".

Greyhound Rescue and Co-ordinated Emergencies 27th September 2022

"Miss Maggie's Supper Box sent £100 to help our old girl Lucy's vet bills, they have hearts of gold. Have a look at their good work on Face book".

Hectors Greyhound Rescue 27th July 2022

5. Financial Accounts

As we are a CIO with receipts of less the £25,000, we have submitted our accounts using the Receipts and Payments accounts pack (CC16).

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 were £3,826 (Three Thousand eight hundred and twenty six pounds) and payments £2,891 (Two Thousand eight hundred and ninety one pounds).

Expenditure is predominately grant related, however our expenditure (other) was higher than usual as we purchased a gazebo to use when fundraising. Money for the gazebo had been donated in our first year of operating as a charity, but with coronavirus impacting on social activities the purchase was delayed.

The charity always aims to keep expenses other than grants as low as possible, other expenses include items for fundraising paying for the annual website fee. We expect 2023/2004 expenditure (apart from grants) to be lower next year.

We go forward into 2023/2024 with a balance of £6,966 (Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Six Pounds) placing the charity in a good financial position for the year ahead.

The Annual report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 19th January 2024

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by Deborah Mason on the 22nd of January 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2022

To

Period end date
31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,670	-	-	1,670	1,801
Fundraising	904	-	-	904	808
Paypal Giving Fund	1,252	-	-	1,252	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,826	-	-	3,826	2,609
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,826	-	-	3,826	2,609
A3 Payments					
Grants	1,900	-	-	1,900	2,117
Paypal Fees	9	-	-	9	12
Square Space Fees	2	-	-	2	2
Web Site	216	-	-	216	216
Web site Domain	14	-	-	14	13
Fundraising Sundries	125	-	-	125	84
Postage	30	-	-	30	14
Gazebo	531	-	-	531	-
Insurance	64	-	-	64	-
Sub total	2,891	-	-	2,891	2,458
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	1	-	-	-

<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	2,891	-	-	2,891	2,458
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	935	-	-	935	151
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,031	-	-	6,031	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	6,966	-	-	6,966	6,013

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		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
	Deborah Mason	22/01/2024
	FRANCES EDMUNDS	22/01/24