

# MISS MAGGIE'S SUPPER BOX

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Registered Charity Number 1182492



## Introduction

Welcome to the 2023 annual report, this report focuses on activity carried out between April 2023 to March 2024.

This year as in previous years we remain grateful for the public's continued support. This support has enabled Miss Maggie's Supper Box to continue with its mission of helping rescues that take older sighthounds into their care. Donations and fundraising have allowed us to provide older dogs with grants to support their Veterinary care.

As in previous years there have been many challenges for rescues, the cost of living took its toll with an RSPCA survey stating that 'in April 2023, a can of dog food cost on average £0.79 and that in 2024 that had risen to £1.05<sup>1</sup>, a 32% increase on just one can of food'. Now just imagine the impact of this for rescues in conjunction with rising energy costs and veterinary care.

An investigation by consumer group Which? found that inflation for vet services in February 2024 was at 10.7pc – more than double the headline rate of 3.8pc at the time. In March 2024<sup>2</sup>, the Competition Watchdog launched an investigation into vet pricing.

The cost pressures for some rescues have been so great that they have now closed. The rescues we tend to support are specialist sighthound rescues who have been in operation for many years, they all have a lot of support and great working relationships with the vet services they use. They often receive the best care for their dogs at the lowest possible cost, these costs still rise and cannot be avoided.

Miss Maggie's Supper Box is shielded from the hard end of rescue as our criteria leaves no room to manoeuvre, this is not seen as being restrictive as it means we can remain focused on our core aim. This year our donations have remained steady but as people feel the effects of the cost of living rises this may not remain the case. We would like to be able to increase our grants to help rescues with their increased expenditure, but we must balance this with always having enough funds in the bank to help when needed.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rspca.org.uk/whatwedo/latest/kindessindex2023/petowners>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/money/bills/why-vet-bills-pets-outrageously-expensive/>

## Executive Summary

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

1. Increased by 65% the number of sighthounds we have helped this year with 23 older sighthounds being cared for in 12 sighthound specific rescues. In correlation to this we have also increased the amount of grants given from £1,900 in 2022 to £3,700.

The Charity has continued to:

2. Receive help from people who support the charity by making donations or purchasing items when we fundraise.
3. Use our social media platform to share appeals and older sighthounds looking for forever / foster homes.
4. Raise the issue of the neglect and abuse that some of these dogs endure.
5. Reach out to rescues, informing them of the financial help that we can provide.
6. Engage with the public particularly at fundraising events and through social media.

## 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.

## 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 for the charity 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.

Over the last 12 months we have made the charities second highest level of grants/donations with a total of £3,700. We are very pleased to have been able to do this but sad that so many older dogs when they arrive in rescue are needing extensive treatment. In truth we are helping only a miniscule amount of those in need.

Once again, we have included a case study as this clearly demonstrates the condition of some of the dogs when they arrive in rescue, these cases are unfortunately not unusual.

Please note that some details including the names of the dogs involved have been removed. The original post was spotted on Facebook and Miss Maggie's Supper Box reached out to the rescue and sent £300 towards the care and treatment of the two dogs involved.

***"We have had a day of it today. xxxx who came to us a few weeks ago aged 11 years went in for his dental and has had most of his teeth removed. The vet has left his canines as his jaw was likely to shatter if they were removed. xxx is now recovering in his foster home.***

***Then xxxx (xxxx sister) who had just been referred to Moorview referrals because of anaemia had a nosebleed and needed to go to Moorview as an emergency for a CT scan, a bone marrow aspiration as well as needing to undergo further tests. xxxx is also in need of a dental as she came to us with gum disease and tooth decay and if strong enough to undergo the anaesthetic will lose most of her teeth too".***

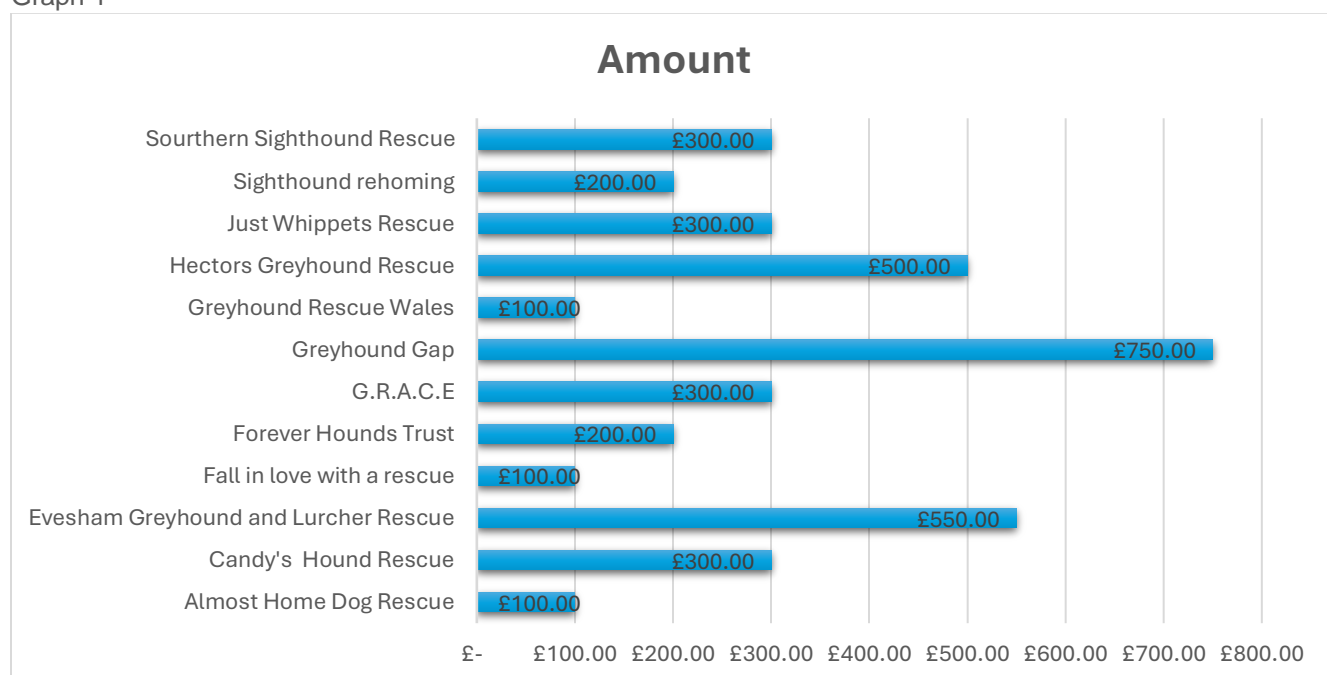
The main aim of this rescue was to make the two dogs comfortable enabling them to live a pain free life in a long-term foster home and this aim after treatment was achieved.

This is just one example of many that we come across we are pleased to have supported 12 rescues during this financial period. The list is detailed below, please note that we do not limit the amount of grants we provide, and we may also provide grants to the same dog if new conditions arise or if their condition warrants further treatment while they are in the rescues care.

1. Almost Home Dog Rescue
2. Candy Hound Rescue
3. Evesham Greyhound Lurcher Rescue (4 dogs)
4. Fall In love with a Rescue
5. Forever hounds Trust
6. Greyhound Gap (4 dogs)
7. Greyhound Rescue and Coordinated Emergencies (G.R.A.C.E)
8. Greyhound Rescue (Wales)
9. Hectors Greyhound Rescue (3 dogs)
10. Just Whippets Rescue
11. Sighthound Rehoming
12. Southern Sighthound Rescue

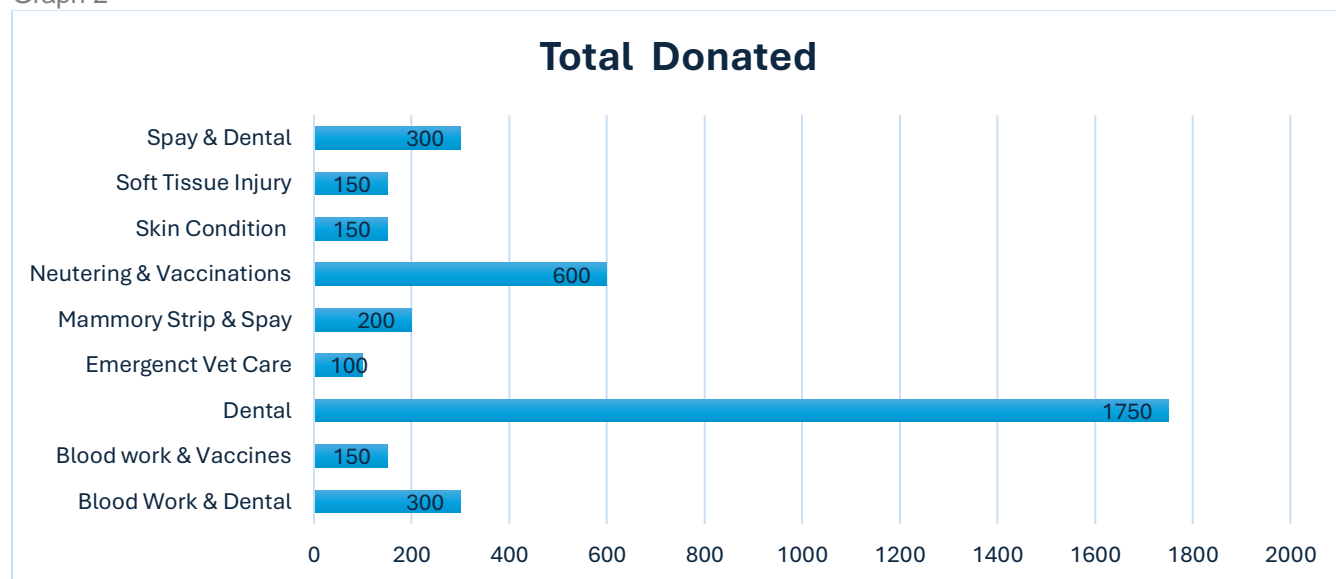
Graph 1 identifies the funding amount given to those rescues listed above during this financial period, Grants have been in the range of £100 to £300. The highest amount is usually given when 2 dogs are involved or in particularly complex cases.

Graph 1



As in previous years graph 2 demonstrates that our grants are predominately spent on vet care for dental and gum disease Dental disease is the most common health issue facing pet greyhounds, according to the largest ever study of greyhounds treated in first opinion veterinary clinics. The research, led by the Royal Veterinary College's (RVC) VetCompass™ programme in collaboration with the University of Bristol Vet School, reveals that 39 per cent of greyhounds suffer from dental problems, which is a far higher percentage than for any other dog breed<sup>3</sup>.

Graph 2



## Impact and Value

When Rescues take older dogs into their care they know they are taking a financial risk, often these dogs due to the natural aging process or pure lack of care will require some sort of medical intervention. This is needed to enable these sighthounds to have a good quality of life in readiness for loving new homes. In some cases, conditions may be classed as requiring long term care meaning that lifetime medication or frequent blood tests may be required, in these cases rescues sometimes offer lifetime support in long term foster homes. When dogs go into long term foster homes Miss Maggie's supper box will still provide grants if needed. Rescue backup is a good way of finding older sighthounds a home even though the dogs time may be limited or care expensive, more people are willing to open their hearts and home to an older dog if they do not have the worry about the cost of their care.

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 the rescues Facebook page.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.rvc.ac.uk/vetcompass/news/bad-teeth-revealed-as-biggest-problem-for-pet-greyhounds>

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 personal 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 continues to grow, 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.

This is a respectful community, supportive of one another and of the charity it is made up 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 help demonstrate impact, we have included 3 of these in this report:

*"Hi, I work for Greyhound Gap, I just wanted to thank you for your generous donation that we received towards Holly's operation. It's very kind of you and very much appreciated".*  
Greyhound Gap 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

*This beautiful lad is one we agreed to take from a pound up north, he's just been castrated and had a dental, massive thank you to Miss Maggie's Supper Box for donating £300 towards his vet work.*  
Southern Sighthound Rescue 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

*"Thank you so much for the wonderful donation of £200 that you sent into us just before Christmas for Beanz vet bill. Your support as always means so much"*  
Forever Hounds Trust 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Financial Accounts

As we are a CIO with receipts of less than £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 £3,102 (Three Thousand one hundred and two) and payments £4,356 (Four Thousand three hundred and fifty six pounds).

Expenditure is predominately grant related and this is the second highest amount paid out to rescues since we became a charity.

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 and event insurance.

We go forward into 2024/2025 with a balance of £5,712 (Five Thousand seven hundred and twelve) placing the charity in a good financial position for the year ahead.

The Annual report and accounts were approved by the trustees on XXXX

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by XXXX on the XXXX





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>Miss Maggie's Supper Box</b>	No (if any) 1182492
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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### 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	1 152	-	-	1 152	1 670
Fundraising	852	-	-	852	904
Paypal Giving Fund	896	-	-	896	1 252
Gift Aid	202	-	-	202	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>3 102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3 102</b>	<b>3 826</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>3 102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3 102</b>	<b>3 826</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grants	3 700	-	-	3 700	1 900
Paypal Fees	10	-	-	10	9
Square Space Fees	7	-	-	7	2
Web Site	245	-	-	245	216
Web Site Domain	14	-	-	14	14
Fundraising Sundries	300	-	-	300	125
Postage	16	-	-	16	30
Gazebo	-	-	-	-	531
Insurance	64	1	-	64	64

<b>Sub total</b>	4 356	-	-	4 356	2 891
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	4 356	-	-	4 356	2 891
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 1 254	-	-	- 1 254	935
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	6 966	-	-	6 966	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	5 712	-	-	5 712	6 966

## 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>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	2	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

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

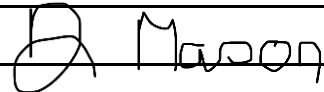
**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

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
	Deborah Mason	24/01/2025