



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date
6 April 2022

To

Period end date
5 April 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

ANIMAL FRIENDS OF TURKEY (AFOT)

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1182513

Charity's principal address

31 Honeypot Road

Brompton on Swale

Richmond, North Yorkshire

Postcode

DL10 7HT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Carol Holbrook	Chair		
2	Andrew Gough	Secretary	06/04/22 – 19/08/22	
3	Gail Tyson	Treasurer		
4	Katrina Baker	Secretary	19/08/22 -05/04/23	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

TRUST DEED

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

TRUST

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

ELECTED BY OPERATING COMMITTEE

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**Summary of the Charity's Objectives:**

1. To assist in the relief of suffering of animals in desperate need of intervention as a result of abandonment or abuse.
2. To provide a safe haven for rescued animals during their period of recovery, rehabilitation and preparation for rehoming.
3. To seek where relevant high quality permanent homes for rescued animals and to oversee their transition from rescue care into their new forever homes.
4. To continue to provide lifetime back-up guarantee to all dogs rehomed through the charity in the event that any adopter is no longer in a position to provide suitable long-term care.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Main activities of charity during the year designed to meet these Objectives:

1. Maintained the reach of the charity's rescue operation to areas outside the immediate Fethiye region to dogs in urgent and dire need.
2. Continue and maintain the sanctuary on the outskirts of Fethiye,
3. The offering of full veterinary and rehabilitation care to all dogs in need that came into our care either into our Sanctuary or through placement within our foster care network.
4. Continuation of successful rehoming of dogs into thoroughly vetted homes following completion of their period of recovery, rehabilitation and preparation in accordance with regulations.
5. Confirmation that the Trustees have had regard throughout the year to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in the execution of the charity's work.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Thanks to good fundraising by our fundraising department with specific appeals we were able to open a new sanctuary in Ortaca that would facilitate even more dogs.

We saw the introduction of our new transport facility transporting our own dogs to the UK

We maintained our policy of having no paid staff throughout this financial year. All work within the charity continued to be carried out by a small but active group of volunteers in the UK.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Summary of the main achievements and challenges of the charity during the 2020-21 year:

The financial year ending 5th April 2023 had both some highs and lows.

Our Turkish volunteer committee were not able to commit to helping AFOT towards the end of the financial year. We had been able to open

Section D

Achievements and performance

up a new sanctuary thanks to great work by our fundraising Team but our hopes of having two sanctuary's in different locations were dashed because of having no committed Turkish volunteer help. Although the original sanctuary was still operating at the end of the financial year of 2023 a decision had been made to close it shortly thereafter. The new sanctuary had the capability to take more dogs than the original sanctuary had and our aim for the following financial year was to increase it's capability.

We have continued in some instances to keep the form of virtual home-checking using live video streaming technology to allow us to continue our practice of detailed inspections of potential homes which we introduced during the covid restrictions, however we also re-introduced physical home-checking with a view to phasing out the virtual which would only be used in exceptional circumstances by the end of the financial year.

We finally were able to get our transport facility up and running which was very exciting for the whole Team who had worked incredibly hard, however some serious internal and external challenges meant we could not deliver the potential we had hoped for both in terms of finances and deliverance. We therefore made a decision to close the operation of our transport facility 6 months after commencing. The 6 months had been extremely challenging. This was an extremely difficult time for the Charity. Circumstances beyond our control had played an instrumental part, the rising of the cost of living with prices both in Turkey and Europe soaring. Export administration had been extremely challenging with prices rising in this department and governing rules changing each time we exported. We also suffered internal negativity within the transport operation and along with the escalating costs could not validate the continuation. At the end of the financial year we made a decision to sell the van. Permission was granted from the donator allowing the financial asset to go back into the Charity account.

By the end of the financial year Turkey saw price rises in every area of 40-50%. The Trustees were satisfied the right decision had been made with the longevity of the Charity the main priority.

The Charity continues to gain good support in the UK and fundraising will no longer be undertaken in Turkey due to Turkish rules and lack of volunteer help. The Fundraising Team continue to expand and successfully run UK appeals

Our main achievement has been the opening of the new Sanctuary in Ortaca which houses 30 dogs and has potential for more

We continue to rehome dogs with little or no future successfully into homes in the UK, both our reputation and supporter base continues to grow.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

AFOT has had a challenging few years and has yet to build up any meaningful reserves. We currently hold deposits sufficient to cover the usual month to month running costs. Our aim always is to build this up to hold at least 6 months reserves and extend to a 12 month period if we are able to and are hopeful that we can do that.


Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Section F Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Carol Holbrook	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	4 th December 2023	

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	AFOT bank account 37878068	821	-	-
	AFOT bank account 78827868	-	-	-
	Pay Pal account	94	-	-
	Total cash funds	915	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

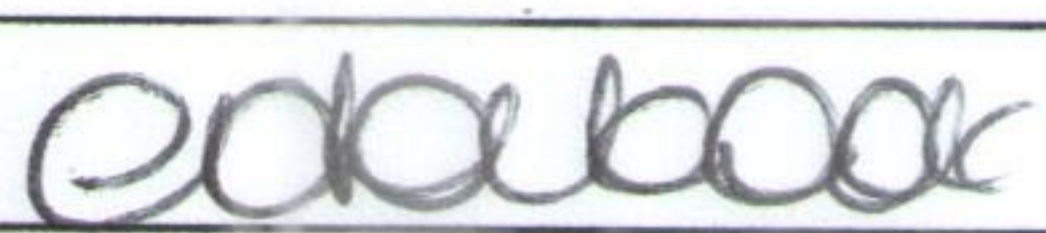
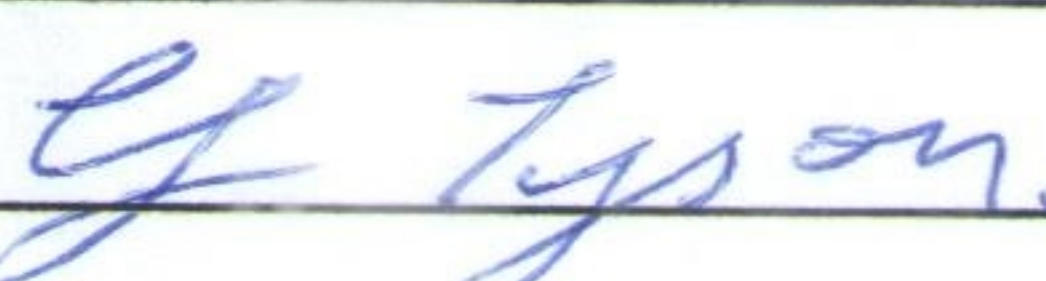
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	van acquired during year	unrestricted	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	CAROL HOLBROOK	11/2/24
	Paul Tyson	01/02/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Animal Friends Of Turkey (AFOT)

On accounts for the year
ended

05/04/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1182513

Set out on pages

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5th April 2023.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent
examiner's statement

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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

M E McGarry

Date:

01/02/2024

Name:

Martha E McGarry

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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