



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	6	April	2023		5	April	2024

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	Lisanne Hillen	Secretary	01/10/2023 – 05/04/2024	
3	Gail Tyson	Treasurer		
4	Katrina Baker	Secretary	06/04/2023 – 01/10/2023	
5	Grainne Cuerden		01/10/2023 -12/11/2023	
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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 our fundraising department with specific appeals we were able to make improvements to our existing sanctuary to facilitate more dogs.

We saw the introduction of new committee members and a Trustee who resides in Turkey and speaks Turkish.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Summary of the main achievements and challenges of the charity during the 2023-2024 year:

The financial year ending 5th April 2024 brought some new developments for AFOT that would broaden avenues for re-homing. The new Ortaca sanctuary was up and running successfully and we were able to facilitate immediately 40 plus dogs with spaces being taken up straight away. We carried out significant fundraising for improvements including the fortifying of the outer fence and therefore being able to build more internal enclosures.

Mid way through the financial year a new Trustee, Lisanne Hillen joined our existing trustees. She brought with her a wealth of knowledge on the Turkish rescue side currently running her own sanctuary (Melez) 3 hours away in Aydin from our existing Ortaca sanctuary. She speaks fluent Turkish as well as English and this has proven invaluable. It also opened up new avenues for more dogs to be re-homed as she was only able to re-home the majority of dogs in the Aydin sanctuary to Holland. Through this working together we were able to find some dogs from the Melez sanctuary homes in the UK but without the related veterinary/vaccination/blood test costs associated with re-homing in the UK. Lisanne has been a great asset to AFOT and also is currently helping with all associated rehoming works.

We also added new volunteers to our Re-homing and Fundraising teams and our aim is to continue to recruit new volunteers to help keep the charity not only steadfast but to keep growing.

The AFOT sanctuary in Ortaca continues to be our main location for our dogs in Turkey, with a couple of local foster homes also taking care of a small number of dogs.

Hyperinflation continues in Turkey, constantly driving up prices of paperwork, veterinary care and transport, despite more fundraising than ever being carried out this has had a knock on effect reducing our ongoing capital quite significantly and have not been able to increase our capital as we had hoped. However, despite donations been down on last year by £15000 due we assume to the UK cost of living crisis we still continue to gain good support in the UK with a dedicated supporter base.

We experienced ups and downs with regards to adoption interest. By the beginning of the Financial year we had re-introduced physical home

checks only and engaged with one of the National Home checking charities to help us with this in all areas of the UK. We had periods of good activity and during these periods we were very pleased to see some of our long-waiting dogs get adopted, but still have dogs in our care that have been waiting for up to three years to be adopted. We continue to advertise and continually look for more avenues to re-home.

The transport van was sold at the beginning of the financial year and the proceeds went back into the Charity account with the permission of the original donator. We reverted back to employing the services of commercial transporters and increased our adoption donation to help with costs.

Rumours started to circulate at the end of the financial year regarding a new law that was due to be implemented mid 2024 which would result in hundreds of thousands of Turkish dogs being destroyed. This would be looked into during the following financial year.

Our main achievements during the financial year has been the changes to the AFOT Team and the addition of an inspiring new Trustee, together we continue to work hard to rehome dogs with little or no future in Turkey. The new additions to the AFOT team have enabled us to carry out more fundraising activities and create more awareness for the charity. Our reach continues to grow and with our loyal supporter base and our team of new volunteers, we feel confident that we have some strong building blocks in place for an exciting future for AFOT.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

AFOT continues to be challenged in terms of building up any meaningful reserves. However at the end of the financial year we were in a better position than the previous year holding deposits sufficient to cover 2 months running costs very easily. Our aim continues to be to increase this to 3 months running costs and to eventually be able to build to at least 6 months reserves and eventually extend this to 12 months.

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

30th December 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Animal Friends Of Turkey (AFOT)

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
06/04/2023

To

Period end date
05/04/2024

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 for dogs/cats	12,640	-	-	12,640	24,775
other donations	82,739	-	-	82,739	91,029
events & merchandise	9,495	-	-	9,495	10,122
Gift aid	22,209	-	-	22,209	26,499
Refunds		-	-	-	579
Misc	15,500	-	-	15,500	4,800
Grants		-	-	-	
Dog Refund Reversal		-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	142,583	-	-	142,583	157,804
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	142,583	-	-	142,583	157,804
A3 Payments					
Vet fees	25,736		-	25,736	40,295
Foster, kennels & all food costs	43,224	-	-	43,224	33,615
Sanctuary costs inc repairs (not food)	16,804	-	-	16,804	20,860
Transport	33,812	-	-	33,812	59,675
Events & Merchandise	1,695	-	-	1,695	1,850
Dog Donation Refunds		-	-	-	
Dog Support	636	-	-	636	1,602
Donations made to other charities					
Miscellaneous (Postage etc.)	8,624	-	-	8,624	3,586
Consultancy	1,820	-	-	1,820	
Pay pal fees & international fees	396	-	-	396	1,223
Sub total	132,747	-	-	132,747	162,706
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	132,747	-	-	132,747	162,706
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,836	-	-	9,836	- 4,901
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	915	-	-	915	5,816
Cash funds this year end	10,751	-	-	10,751	915

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	3,428	-	-
	AFOT bank account 78827868	7,277	-	-
	Pay Pal account	46	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,751	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	van acquired during year	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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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	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Animal Friends Of turkey (AFOT)

On accounts for the year
ended

05/04/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1182513

Set out on pages

(number of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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").

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

M E McGarry

Date:

21/01/2025

Name:

Martha E McGarry

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose