

SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 1183401

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-05-14

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF ANIMALS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN RESCUE HOMES OR OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE RECEPTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF SUCH ANIMALS.

Activities: For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention. To provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the care and treatment of such animals.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Animals

Geography

- Bulgaria
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-06	£175,887	£173,912	-	-
2024-04-06	£178,139	£183,363	-	-
2023-04-06	£189,490	£203,186	-	-
2022-04-06	£261,972	£265,649	-	-
2021-04-06	£243,053	£254,488	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SUSAN JUSTINE BOWYER	Chair	2019-06-01
AMANDA LOUISE HITCHCOCK		2019-06-01
PETER LEONARD EMES		2019-06-01

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England & Wales - Charity number 1183401

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE017490 (England and Wales)
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2025
FOR
SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 6 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Santerpaws aims to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals

Significant activities

- To re-home animals, primarily to the UK, but also to other European Countries.
- To provide vet care including vaccination, neutering and anti-parasite treatments and in some cases significant veterinarian care dependent on their condition when they were initially admitted into the rescue.
- Providing animals (not yet re-homed or not suitable for re-homing) vet care and treatment, specifically neutering, in line with one of the Charity's main aim, which is to reduce the local street dog population.
- Providing local family animals with flea and other anti-parasitic treatments, vaccines and neutering. This is all at no cost to the local resident and is undertaken to ensure improved animal welfare.

Public benefit

The Charity remains committed to supporting local people within the immediate area of the shelter, which is rural and impoverished, to better care for their animals, providing vaccination and neutering services for village dogs and cats, improving the health and welfare of local animals and also building a trusting relationship with our neighbours. This important work does not generate any revenue and thus increases the associated costs for veterinarian care.

The trustees of Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Volunteers

The Charity remains indebted to three Senior Volunteers, one heading up re-homing and fostering, one leading on behavioural management and support to adopters and one heading up fund-raising initiatives. The person holding the position of senior volunteer for fostering and re-homing has changed but the role remains the same.

The Charity continues to be extremely grateful for the support of a small cohort of very committed volunteers who give up their time, as available and when required, and who continue to support various functions of the Charity.

The Charity's only income remains solely derived from donations from private persons and the payment of an adoption fee for each animal re-homed. Without the continued support of the fostering co-ordinator and behavioural support Senior Volunteers it would be inevitable that more dogs would be relinquished by adopters and ultimately more dogs would need to be returned to Bulgaria when an adoptive placement breaks down. This year the fund-raising Senior Volunteer has overseen activities that have raised over £21,000 to support the Charity functions

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Staffing at the Shelter now comprises of 6.5 kennel assistants, this staffing is to allow Ms Bowyer to oversee the daily interactions with our vet (neutering, vaccinations, official registration of animals, and treatment for illness etc.) and to have the necessary administration time. Currently, an average 250 dogs are being cared for at any one time at the shelter. With dog numbers now rarely dipping below 250 a staffing increase was essential to ensure there is always a safe, nurturing and enriching environment for the animals. The minimum number of four workers required has been increased to six and a half staff members.

With reduced adoptions and the number of animals abandoned at the shelter remaining raised the number of dogs in the care of Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue continues to be increased. To ensure compliance with shelter requirements the Charity continues to utilise a small network of Bulgarian foster placements overseen by Ms Bowyer to accommodate this increase. It remains the case that the number of dogs admitted frequently exceeds the number of dogs homed and transported in any one month. Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue continues to have a high profile across social media and this means high expectations of local people, local officials and also tourists holidaying all over Bulgaria, with ever increasing numbers of stray dogs and cats being brought to the shelter.

Adoption fees:

Adoption fees remain at £430 to ensure adoption costs are positively comparable with other rescues to encourage adoptions. The £430 still does not cover all costs incurred (transport, passport, microchip, vaccinations, health certificates etc.) but is set at this level to seek to remain comparable and viable when considered against other rescue organisations. The deficit is increased where an animal has been a long-term resident at the shelter or has needed veterinary treatment in excess of usual interventions such as neutering and vaccinations etc. The Trustees have considered raising the adoption fee but have concluded that this is not viable as it is noted some people have chosen not to adopt citing the current fee as excessive. Again, this regularly incurred deficit means that Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue has continued to be reliant on public donations and has needed to organise 'emergency appeals' to raise funds to cover the cost of food or the unexpected medical costs of individual animals.

Increasing costs combined with adoption requests remaining significantly reduced for some time continues to hit the Charity hard. This continues to be a significant cause for concern.

Transportation:

Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue continues to use the same transport company to move adopted animals to the UK and other European countries. The transport company is safe, compassionate and reliable. There have been no issues raised in relation to importation requirements. This on-going long-standing professional collaboration means that there continues to be a secure and trusting relationship between the Charity and transport company.

The arrangement currently remains the best option. The Charity continues to have one suitably equipped and appropriately maintained vehicle, although it is noted that the van still needs a new turbo, as the new one previously installed is faulty and out of warranty. Unfortunately, this repair has not been achievable, owing to reduced income and the Charity needing to continue to prioritise expenditure and seek to conservatively manage this issue.

Alternative pet transporters have once again been considered as per due diligence but yet again none were competitive in terms of cost. More importantly the transport company used currently is reliable and scrupulous in terms of both animal care and ensuring the correct import documentation is in place.

Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue has continued to keep abreast of the regularly updated regulations and remains compliant with all lawful transportation requirements.

The documentation required for transport and relating official paperwork remains onerous and subject to unexpected amendments by local officials. This continues to be managed by Ms Bowyer directly with relevant offices in Pleven and Sofia.

Local community:

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The Charity chose to continue with the commitment to supporting local people within the immediate area of the shelter, which is rural and impoverished, to better care for their animals, providing vaccination and neutering services for village dogs and cats, improving the health and welfare of local animals and also maintaining a trusting relationship with neighbours.

Local neutering work has remained stable, with an increased number of cats being neutered. Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue continues to work alongside the local Mayor to promote services for neutering local animals. This has had a positive outcome, as the number of puppies born and abandoned in the village has significantly decreased, hence the focus this year on neutering cats. This important work does not generate any revenue and incurs increased expenditure; however this is ultimately an improved welfare outcome for animals and remains in line with the Charity objectives.

There has again been an increase in the need for re-homing/fostering of dogs already in UK and relinquished by owners. Full Rescue Back Up is always provided and covering this continues to be difficult with the current level of volunteers. Still no dog has ever been left without the required support and onward homes have been secured for all.

Home checks:

The relationship between Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue and The ATeam (separate Charity dedicated to providing safe, efficient and effective home checks for prospective adopters) continues. The ATeam are used to assess the majority of prospective new homes, however we continue to utilise our own team of experienced volunteers who are able to undertake home checks that are local to them or which The ATeam are unable to cover.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The total incoming resources for the year ended 5 April 2025 were £175,887, (2024: £178,139). Resources expended for the period totalled £173,912 (2024: £183,363), leaving cumulative surplus funds of £1,975 (2024: deficit of £5,224).

Despite huge efforts holding events and activities to raise funds, overall income is disappointingly reduced by £2,252. Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue is extremely grateful for the support of a small and very dedicated team of volunteers who work tirelessly to raise funds.

As a result of significant efforts to attempt to reduce feed costs, combined with reduction in adoption numbers has significantly reduced transport costs the charity is pleased to note a reduction in expenditure of £9,451.

In previous years Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue's expenditure has exceeded income. Losses incurred continue to be subsidised by the Chairman and Treasurer's own private income. It is intended that with anticipated financial recovery, that the Charity will eventually be able to repay some of the private loans made which have been required to subsidise and maintain the viability of the Charity.

Financial management policy:

Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue has taken note of the advice received from The Charity Commission to implement a written Financial Management Policy. We are a very small Charity, with only three Trustees who are the only persons able to access finances. The Trustees are in weekly, if not daily, contact in relation to all matters, including finances and payment of bills, but nonetheless accepts this advice. Any significant financial decisions are discussed and agreed by the Trustees.

Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue has now implemented the financial system Xero to support the accounting process.

Receipts are difficult to obtain in Bulgaria, even for professional vet services, where the Charity continues to be kindly offered reduced rates.

Principal funding sources

The Charity's only income remains solely derived from donations and the payment of an adoption fee for each animal re-homed.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Charity has no reserves due to the current support from the trustees for any shortfalls in deficits. The charity's reserve policy is to be revised once the charity has sufficient reserves.

Going concern

The Charity remains in a position of battling the continued significantly harsher financial climate with the number of animals adopted reduced. This is a non-profit making Charity and the Trustees again aim to break even in the coming financial year. There is no currently known reason why this should not be achievable.

There continues to be an impact from reduced public interest in the adoption of animals; this is a phenomenon that is currently being experienced by nearly all animal rescue and homing organisations. The Trustees are confident that this risk can be mitigated.

An increased focus on utilising a wider range of social media platforms and enhanced (more eye catching and attractive) advertising campaigns are underway to help to negate this concern.

Finances have continued to be channelled into the neutering campaign for locally owned dogs. This absolutely has a direct impact reducing the number of unwanted litters of puppies within the locality and reduces operating pressures and financial burden on the Charity in the longer-term. The Charity is currently attempting to seek a Grant to financially support this aspect of work.

Several new fundraising streams are being actively pursued by the dedicated small team of fund-raising volunteers. Additionally, a number of public events are being considered for their suitability as host venues to both raise awareness of the Charity purpose and to raise funds.

The Charity aims to buy the land the Shelter is built on in the coming year, whilst this has a cost attached rent will be negated and owning the property will open currently inaccessible funding streams - many Grant applications are not permitted where property is rented.

Financial circumstances and reduced adoptions have resulted in the waiting list for admission remaining in place. Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue is no longer able to accept planned admissions from outside of the local area and, sadly, regularly has to turn down requests to assist abandoned animals.

Canine Brucellosis:

Canine Brucellosis is an internationally notifiable disease that has never been found present in any dog cared by Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue.

High profile and ill-informed UK media focus has continued in relation to this disease has continued and this, coupled with the on-going attitude and approach of some UK veterinary practices (corporate chains in the main) has remained an obstacle to successfully re-homing dogs to the UK. Santerpaws Bulgarian Dogs continues to ensure that every dog is individually tested for this disease prior to adoption (as before the shelter remains compliant with the required regular random testing system undertaken by Bulgarian veterinarian officials).

Additionally, owners of dogs placed in the UK (some having been placed in the UK 5+years previously) are often faced with hostile and frightening interventions from UK veterinarian practices. Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue has chosen to continue support all affected owners to challenge this and to educate veterinarian practices where necessary. As before Mrs Hitchcock has continued to maintain links with on-line campaign groups to ensure the Charity has access to up to date and validated information. Ms Bowyer remains in contact with the main Canine Brucellosis groups regarding advice about legal input and Trading Standards etc.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2025**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
CE017490 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 06 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

S Bowyer - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue for the year ended 6 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

C S Young BA FCA

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Date: 06/02/2026

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		<u>175,887</u>	<u>178,139</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activity		<u>173,912</u>	<u>183,363</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,975	(5,224)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>(19,314)</u>	<u>(14,090)</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>(17,339)</u>	<u>(19,314)</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
6 APRIL 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	4,448	8,378
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		4,004	467
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(25,791)	(28,159)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(21,787)</u>	<u>(27,692)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(17,339)</u>	<u>(19,314)</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(17,339)</u>	<u>(19,314)</u>
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		(17,339)	(19,314)
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>(17,339)</u>	<u>(19,314)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 06 February 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

S Bowyer - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable organisation, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then the income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable they will be fulfilled.

Adoption fees are recognised when the adoption has been fully committed to, any deposits held on the adoption are recorded as deferred income.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Motor Vehicles - 20% Straight Line
Computer Equipment - 25% Reducing Balance

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>3,930</u>	<u>3,717</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 6 April 2025 nor for the year ended 6 April 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 6 April 2025 nor for the year ended 6 April 2024.

4. STAFF COSTS

Whilst there are no payrolled staff, the charity undertakes kennel assistant staff totalling 7 (2024:6).

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	<u>178,139</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Charitable Activity	<u>183,363</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(5,224)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	(14,090)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>(19,314)</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2025**

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 7 April 2024 and 6 April 2025	<u>18,360</u>	<u>1,079</u>	<u>19,439</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 7 April 2024	11,016	45	11,061
Charge for year	<u>3,672</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>3,930</u>
At 6 April 2025	<u>14,688</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>14,991</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 6 April 2025	<u>3,672</u>	<u>776</u>	<u>4,448</u>
At 6 April 2024	<u>7,344</u>	<u>1,034</u>	<u>8,378</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	22,191	25,659
Accruals and deferred income	<u>3,600</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	<u>25,791</u>	<u>28,159</u>

Within other creditors, amounts due to two trustees total £17,512, (2024: £24,811).

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 7/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 6/4/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(19,314)	1,975	(17,339)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(19,314)</u>	<u>1,975</u>	<u>(17,339)</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	175,887	(173,912)	1,975
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>175,887</u>	<u>(173,912)</u>	<u>1,975</u>

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 7/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 6/4/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(14,090)	(5,224)	(19,314)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(14,090)</u>	<u>(5,224)</u>	<u>(19,314)</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	178,139	(183,363)	(5,224)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>178,139</u>	<u>(183,363)</u>	<u>(5,224)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 7/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 6/4/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(14,090)	(3,249)	(17,339)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(14,090)</u>	<u>(3,249)</u>	<u>(17,339)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	354,026	(357,275)	(3,249)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>354,026</u>	<u>(357,275)</u>	<u>(3,249)</u>

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9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, two trustees were repaid £7,299, from amounts owed where they had paid for charitable expenses on behalf of the charity (2024: £905). This resulted in a total balance of £17,512 (2024: £24,811) owed to two trustees as at 6 April 2025.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	<u>175,887</u>	<u>178,139</u>
Total incoming resources	175,887	178,139
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Kennel assistance costs	38,770	26,435
Rates	1,340	1,340
Volunteer costs	2,406	2,499
Postage and stationery	61	115
Advertising	2,311	2,338
Sundries	776	1,669
Rent	1,560	1,444
Animal feed	9,368	20,942
Transport	43,776	47,390
Motor costs	3,940	6,749
Vet services	38,813	41,256
Rehabilitation kennels	6,980	14,363
Cleaning	3,304	2,422
Public liability insurance	425	493
Repairs and maintenance	5,940	3,506
Travelling	-	160
Bank fees	3,061	1,110
Computer costs	<u>170</u>	<u>-</u>
	163,001	174,231
Support costs		
Finance		
Motor vehicles depreciation	3,672	3,672
Computer equipment	<u>259</u>	<u>45</u>
	3,931	3,717
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>6,980</u>	<u>5,415</u>
Total resources expended	<u>173,912</u>	<u>183,363</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>1,975</u></u>	<u><u>(5,224)</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 6 April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Santerpaws aims to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals.

Significant activities

- To re-home animals, primarily to the UK, but also to other European Countries.
- To provide vet care including vaccination, neutering and anti-parasite treatments and in some cases significant veterinarian care dependent on their condition when they were initially admitted into the rescue.
- Providing animals (not yet re-homed or not suitable for re-homing) vet care and treatment, specifically neutering, in line with one of the Charity's main aim, which is to reduce the local street dog population.
- Providing local family animals with flea and other anti-parasitic treatments, vaccines and neutering. This is all at no cost to the local resident and is undertaken to ensure improved animal welfare.

Public benefit

The Charity remains committed to supporting local people within the immediate area of the shelter, which is rural and impoverished, to better care for their animals, providing vaccination and neutering services for village dogs and cats, improving the health and welfare of local animals and also building a trusting relationship with our neighbours. This important work does not generate any revenue and thus increases the associated costs for veterinarian care.

The trustees of Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Volunteers

The Charity remains indebted to the three Senior Volunteers, one heading up re-homing and fostering, one leading on behavioural management and support to adopters and one heading up fund-raising initiatives. The Charity is also extremely grateful for the support of a small cohort of very committed volunteers who give up their time, as available and when required, and who continue to support various functions of the Charity.

Without the support of the fostering co-ordinator and behavioural support Senior Volunteers it would be inevitable that more dogs would be relinquished by adopters and ultimately more dogs would need to be returned to Bulgaria when an adoptive placement breaks down. The fund-raising Senior Volunteer has overseen activities that have raised over £15,000 to support the Charity functions.

With reduced adoptions and the number of animals abandoned at the shelter remaining consistent, the number of dogs in the care of Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue is increased. To ensure compliance with shelter requirements a small network of Bulgarian foster placements have been recruited and are overseen by Ms Bowyer to accommodate the increase.

SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The year 2023/2024 saw the adoption of 181 dogs from the shelter compared to the 217 dogs adopted in 2022/2023, a smaller reduction than from the previous year but still significantly reduced.

Staffing at the Shelter now comprises of 6 kennel assistants, this staffing is to allow Ms Boywer to oversee the daily interactions with our vet (neutering, vaccinations, official registration of animals, and treatment for illness etc) and to have the necessary administration time.

Currently, an average of 250 dogs are being cared for at any one time at the shelter. With dog numbers now rarely dipping below 250 a staffing increase was essential to ensure there is always a safe, nurturing and enriching environment for the animals, The minimum number of four working required has been increased to six staff members.

Having again considered returning to "in-house" transportation this arrangement currently remains the better option due to the post-brexit regulations meaning that the Charity would need to have two fully serviced and suitable fitted vans available at all times to meet animal transport regulations and employing a suitably qualified Transport Manager to remain UK DEFRA compliant. The vehicle maintenance costs for two vehicles/recruitment of drivers and wages/employment costs that would be incurred outweigh continuing to use the transport company currently engaged. The Charity continues to have one suitably equipped and appropriately maintained vehicle.

Local neutering work has increased, as Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue has been working alongside the local Mayor to promote services for neutering local animals. This has had a positive outcome, as the number of puppies born and abandoned in the village has significantly decreased, this important work does not generate any revenue and incurs increased expenditure, however this is ultimately an improved welfare outcome for animals and remains in line with the Charity objectives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The total incoming resources for the year ended 5 April 2024 were £178,139, (2023: £189,490). Resources expended for the period totalled £183,363 (2023: £203,186), leaving cumulative deficit funds of £5,224 (2023: £13,696).

Despite huge efforts holding events and activities to raise funds, overall income is disappointingly reduced by £11,351. Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue is extremely grateful for the support a small and very dedicated team of volunteers who work tirelessly to raise funds.

A cheaper food supplier has been identified to minimise feed costs, combined with reduction in adoption number has significantly reduced transport costs, which in turn impacts on other costs from dogs remaining in the shelter for longer periods of time.

As in all previous years Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue's expenditure has exceeded income. Losses incurred continue to be subsidised by the Chairman and Treasurer's own private income. It is intended that with anticipated financial recovery, that the Charity will eventually be able to repay some of the private loans made which have been required to subsidise and maintain the viability of the Charity.

Principal funding sources

The Charity's only income remains solely derived from donations from private persons and the payment of an adoption fee for each animal re-homed.

Reserves policy

The Charity has no reserves due to the current support from the trustees for any shortfalls in deficits. The charity's reserve policy is to be revised once the charity has sufficient reserves.

SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Going concern

The Trustees are pleased to be able to record that declared annual losses are lower for the past year, 2023/2024, than have been sustained in previous years. This is despite operating in a significantly harsher financial climate. This is a non-profit making Charity and the Trustees hope and aim to break even in the coming financial year. There is no currently known reason why this should not be achievable.

There continues to be an impact from reduced public interest in the adoption of animals; this is a phenomenon that is currently being experienced by nearly all animal rescue and homing organisations. The Trustees are confident that this risk can be mitigated.

An increased focus on utilising a wider range of social media platforms and enhanced (more eye catching and attractive) advertising campaigns are underway to help to negate this concern.

Several new fundraising streams are being actively pursued by the dedicated small team of fund-raising volunteers.

Additionally, a number of public events are being considered for their suitability as host venues to both raise awareness of the Charity purpose and to raise funds.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Financial circumstances and reduced adoptions have resulted in the waiting list for admission remaining in place. Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue is no longer able to accept planned admissions from outside of the local area and, sadly, regularly has to turn down requests to assist abandoned animals.

Canine Brucellosis:

Canine Brucellosis is an internationally notifiable disease that has never been found present in any dog cared for by Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue.

High profile and ill-informed UK media focus in relation to this disease has continued and this, coupled with the attitude and approach of some UK veterinary practices (corporate chains in the main) has remained an obstacle to successfully re-homing dogs to the UK, Santerpaws Bulgarian Dogs continues to ensure that every dog is individually tested for this disease prior to adoption (as before the shelter remains compliant with the required regular random testing system undertaken by Bulgarian veterinarian officials).

Mrs Hitchcock has continued to maintain links with on-line campaign groups to ensure the Charity has access to up to date and validated information. Ms Bowyer remains in contact with the main Canine Brucellosis groups regarding advice about legal input and Trading Standards.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Foundation constitution and constitutes as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE017490 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1183401

Registered office

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Trustees

S Bowyer
P Emes

Company Secretary

A Hitchcock

SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2024**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Galloways Accounting
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4th February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



S. J. Bowyer

S Bowyer - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue for the year ended 6 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by Section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



C S Young BA FCA

Galloways Accounting
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Brighton
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BN1 2RL

Date: 4th February 2025

SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		<u>178,139</u>	<u>189,490</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activity		<u>183,363</u>	<u>203,186</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5,224)	(13,696)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>(14,090)</u>	(394)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>(19,314)</u>	<u>(14,090)</u>


The notes form part of these financial statements

SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE

**BALANCE SHEET
6 APRIL 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	8,378	11,016
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		467	-
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(28,159)</u>	<u>(25,106)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(27,692)</u>	<u>(25,106)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(19,314)</u>	<u>(14,090)</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(19,314)</u>	<u>(14,090)</u>
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted funds		<u>(19,314)</u>	<u>(14,090)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>(19,314)</u>	<u>(14,090)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4th February 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


S. J. Bowyer

S Bowyer - Trustee

SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable organisation, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then the income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable they will be fulfilled.

Adoption fees are recognised when the adoption has been fully committed to, any deposits held on the adoption are recorded as deferred income.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Motor Vehicles	- 20% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	- 25% Reducing Balance

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2024**

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>3,717</u>	<u>3,672</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 6 April 2024 nor for the year ended 6 April 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 6 April 2024 nor for the year ended 6 April 2023.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	<u>189,490</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Charitable Activity	<u>203,186</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	 (13,696)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	 (394)
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	 <u><u>(14,090)</u></u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 7 April 2023	18,360	-	18,360
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>1,079</u>	<u>1,079</u>
At 6 April 2024	<u>18,360</u>	<u>1,079</u>	<u>19,439</u>
 DEPRECIATION			
At 7 April 2023	7,344	-	7,344
Charge for year	<u>3,672</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>3,717</u>
At 6 April 2024	<u>11,016</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>11,061</u>
 NET BOOK VALUE			
At 6 April 2024	<u><u>7,344</u></u>	<u><u>1,034</u></u>	<u><u>8,378</u></u>
At 6 April 2023	<u><u>11,016</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>11,016</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2024**

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	25,659	23,906
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	<u>28,159</u>	<u>25,106</u>

Other creditors relating to amounts due to two trustees total £24,811, (2023: £23,906).

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 7.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 6.4.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(14,090)	(5,224)	(19,314)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(14,090)</u>	<u>(5,224)</u>	<u>(19,314)</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	178,139	(183,363)	(5,224)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>178,139</u>	<u>(183,363)</u>	<u>(5,224)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 7.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 6.4.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(394)	(13,696)	(14,090)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(394)</u>	<u>(13,696)</u>	<u>(14,090)</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	189,490	(203,186)	(13,696)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>189,490</u>	<u>(203,186)</u>	<u>(13,696)</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2024**

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 7.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 6.4.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(394)	(18,920)	(19,314)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>(394)</u></u>	<u><u>(18,920)</u></u>	<u><u>(19,314)</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	367,629	(386,549)	(18,920)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>367,629</u></u>	<u><u>(386,549)</u></u>	<u><u>(18,920)</u></u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, two of the trustees paid £905 worth of charitable expenses on behalf of the charity (2023: £8,824). This results in a total balance of £24,811 owed to two trustees as at 6 April 2024.

SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6 APRIL 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	<u>178,139</u>	<u>189,490</u>
Total incoming resources	178,139	189,490
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	26,435	19,500
Rates	1,340	-
Volunteer costs	2,499	-
Postage and stationery	115	108
Advertising	2,338	845
Sundries	1,669	1,930
Rent	1,444	3,240
Running costs	-	4,800
Animal feed	20,942	21,090
Transport	47,390	64,418
Motor costs	6,749	4,010
Vet services	41,256	64,633
Rehabilitation kennels	14,363	11,711
Cleaning	2,422	1,200
Public liability insurance	493	469
Repairs and maintenance	3,506	-
Travelling	160	-
Bank fees	<u>1,110</u>	<u>-</u>
	174,231	197,954
Support costs		
Finance		
Motor vehicles depreciation	3,672	3,672
Computer equipment	<u>45</u>	<u>-</u>
	3,717	3,672
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>5,415</u>	<u>1,560</u>
Total resources expended	<u>183,363</u>	<u>203,186</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(5,224)</u>	<u>(13,696)</u>

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SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1183401

Accounts

SANTERPAWS BULGARIAN RESCUE

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Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue Fifth Annual General Meeting

Held on 7th February 2022 @ 11:00 via Virtual Platform

Present

Justine Bowyer - Trustee and Director

Peter Emes - Trustee and Treasurer

Amanda Hitchcock - Trustee and Secretary

This 5th AGM is held only six months after the previous AGM, due to COVID 19 virus pandemic restrictions and associated difficulties, which meant no AGM was held in 2020. Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue is seeking to catch up with the reporting cycle.

The 4th September 2021 AGM reported on the accounts from the year 2019/2020.

This 5th AGM will report the accounts from the year 2020/2021.

Previous AGMs were held 18.08.16; 09.01.18; 26.03.2019; (additional Extraordinary AGM held 09.04.2019); 04.09.2021.

It is intended that these 5th AGM Notes serve as the Annual Report for 2020/2021, as they provide an account of all functions of the Charity.

Financial Overview 2020/2021:

Income from Donations Adoption 2020/2021 (2019/2020)	and Fees	£243,053 (£42,650)		
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	Expenditure		
	Buildings (previous year)	£62,550 (£11,845)	
	Credit Card (previous year)	£9,600 (£4,400)	
	Animal Feed (previous year)	£14,675 (£11,602)	
	Advertising / Stationary (previous year)	£2,940 (£2,230)	
	Transport	£86,473 (£4,870)	
	Vehicles	£8,995 (£1,082)	
	Vet Services - contract	£52,900 (£6,102)	
	Vet Services - non- contract	£1,800 (£489)	
	Staff Salary	£11,555 (£000.00)	
	Rehabilitation kennels Bulgaria	£3,000 (£000.00)	
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£254,488 (£42,620)
		LOSSES	£11,435 (not reported)

The table above shows a summary of income received and how that income was used.

As in 2019/2020 Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue's expenditure exceeds income and continues to be subsidised by the Chairman and Treasurers own private incomes. The last report did not specify losses incurred and these were simply 'absorbed' and not reclaimed by the Chairman or Treasurer. This report shows the losses incurred 2020/2021, standing at £11,435; it is planned for this to be seen as a private loan and repaid at a suitable point in time. Again, losses have been incurred by the continuation of the now completed building works, non-contract vet fees and vehicle fuel and vehicle servicing. Additionally, there has been the additional pressure of hugely increased transportation costs when moving adopting animals during the Covid 19 Global Pandemic and also due to the increased financial impact of Brexit in the form of new permits and taxes. It is hoped that with the building work completed and the Global Pandemic receding, allowing self-transportation of animals once again, that the Charity will be in a more viable and stable financial position and able to repay some of the private loan made by the Chairman and Treasurer.

The Charity is fortunate that volunteers in the UK continue, as previously, to frequently subsidise Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue by privately covering fuel or vet costs (for animals in foster care in UK) alongside giving up their time to assist the Charity.

Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue would confirm that none of the three Trustees claim any salary. Neither do any of the three Trustees claim expenses such as fuel costs incurred when on Charity business. It must be recognised that Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue is a very small Charity, the survival of which depends entirely on the hard work of the Trustees and their determination to reduce the evident cruelty to the multitude of stray dogs (and other animals) abandoned in Bulgaria.

Whilst Mr Peter Emes serves as Treasurer, in reality he functions as a builder, maintenance manager, cleaner, and driver. The Chairman, Ms Justine Bowyer, also serves as cleaner and animal care provider alongside being the shelter manager, adoption coordinator and liaison officer for the local Municipal Office (read Council). Mr Emes and Ms Bowyer live alongside the shelter and are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Secretary, Mrs Amanda Hitchcock, resides in the UK and provides all administrative functions, coordinates all home checks and oversees the UK Rescue Back Up Service (securing new adoptions where initial placements have failed) as well as providing emergency advice and support to UK adopters and including coordination of local search teams if a dog is reported missing. Mrs Hitchcock's responsibilities to the Charity are undertaken in her free time when not working; she is employed full time in a demanding, high-pressure job and also has direct family care commitments.

The Charity is grateful to have a Senior Volunteer and several other volunteers who give up their time as available and when required and who support various functions of the Charity.

The Charity's only income remains solely derived from donations from private persons and the payment of an adoption fee for each animal rehomed. The increased income, from £42,650 to £243,053 eloquently illustrates the immense increase in the number of dogs who have been successfully adopted.

Review of Charity since March/April 2019:

Home Checks:

The relationship between Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue and The ATeam (a separate Charity dedicated to providing safe, efficient and effective home checks for prospective adopters) is now firmly embedded and, excepting a

hiatus during the Covid 19 virus related Lockdown periods, The ATeam are used to vet all prospective new homes.

Current Transport Arrangements and New Animal Transporter/Van:
COVID 19 virus travel restrictions and new regulations following the UK leaving the European Union has resulted in the need to use a commercial Pet Transporter rather than self-transport as before.

These changes have resulted in huge additional costs that have had a huge negative financial impact on the Charity, both in terms of transport and increased import costs; this is seen clearly in the increase of transport costs from £4870 in 2019/2020 to £86,482. Transport costs encompass the journey itself and also the costs of required health checks and documentation needed. In effect each current transport run (there are 2 transport runs each month on average) now costs the equivalent of the total transport costs for 2019, as previously the only costs incurred were fuel, Euro Tunnel costs, animal feed, van maintenance and cleaning costs etc.

Alternative pet transporters have been considered but none are competitive in terms of cost. More importantly the transport company used currently is reliable and scrupulous in terms of animal care and ensuring the correct documentation and legal requirements are place.

Brexit:

Upon leaving the European Union UK import duties were increased and subsequently further raised. The Charity is now required to pay import tax for each dog homed into the UK. It has been difficult but at all times Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue has kept abreast of the fast pace of changing regulations and ensured that the Charity remains compliant with all lawful transportation requirements.

Adoption Fee:

This was increased from £290 to £350 in January 2020 to try to combat the increased expenditure in preparing and transporting a dog to a new home. The £350 still does not cover all costs, and this deficit is increased where an animal has been a long-term resident at the shelter or has needed veterinary treatment in excess of neutering and vaccinations.

Adopters are made aware of the increased costs and a voluntary extra donation is suggested, with some new families opting to support this. It is not considered viable to further increase the adoption fee, as £350 in line with the majority of adoption fees requested by other rescues for dogs.

Administration:

Changed regulations post-Brexit have impacted on the documentation required for transport and the amount of official paperwork requiring completion is much increased, with only Ms Bowyer herself able to complete much of this.

Staffing at the Shelter has been increased, and therefore staffing costs of £11,555, a new expenditure, are incurred for the year 2020/2021. This has allowed Ms Bowyer to have some additional administration time. Currently on average 150 - 233 dogs are being cared for at any one time and to ensure there is a safe, nurturing and enriching environment for the animals 4 workers are a minimum requirement. 'Turnover' of dogs is necessarily high, with 20 - 40 being homed and transported each month. However, it is not uncommon for the number of dogs admitted to far exceed the number of dogs homed and transported in any given month.

It is a continued plan for a Shelter Manager to be recruited during 2021/22, with the explicit intention of releasing Ms Bowyer from the majority of daily dog care tasks. Accommodation and a small wage (a reasonable living in view of Bulgarian cost of living) can be offered. It may be feasible to offer this on a trial basis before commitment.

Additional UK Admin have been recruited and it is hope to further expand the UK back-up team to support The Secretary and Senior Volunteer who both undertake their Charity roles balanced alongside work and family commitments. There has continued to be an increase in the need for re-homing/emergency fostering of dogs already in UK who are relinquished by owners. Full Rescue Back Up is provided but covering this is increasingly difficult with the current level of volunteers and the recruitment of more volunteers is an urgently need. The new expenditure of £3,000 for rehabilitation kennels has been incurred by two dogs returned as 'unsuitable' for UK family life. One dog is now re-settled into a different UK family following rehabilitation.

Daily financial issues:

As the shelter has expanded in size the positive reputation of our commitment to seeking healthcare, which is regularly life-saving for that animal, has spread too. We are now well known for saving the lives of very unwell or injured animals, as well as for successfully finding safe homes for abused and abandoned dogs. This has in turn led to raised expectations of local people and local officials; increased numbers of stray dogs and cats have been brought to the shelter, all requiring neutering and vaccinations etc.

The Charity remains committed to supporting local people within the immediate area of the shelter, which is rural and impoverished, to better care for their animals. Vaccination and neutering services for village dogs and cats has significantly increased in the year 2020/2021, improving the health and welfare of local animals and also building a trusting relationship with our neighbours. This important work does not generate any revenue and thus the associated costs for veterinarian care, typically for vaccinations and neutering of village animals, together with meeting the health needs of the higher number of animals in the care of Santerpaws Bulgarian Rescue, has dramatically increased from £6,102 to £52,900.

Donations are mainly received in pound sterling, occasionally US Dollars. The Charity account and PayPal are sterling accounts. All expenditure is in Bulgarian Lev. Currency exchange rates and bank charges for currency conversion when making withdrawals makes accurate bookkeeping a challenge. Roughly £1 sterling is equivalent to 2 Bulgarian Lev. For example, 12 months vet services show as £6,102 and 12,000 Bulgarian Lev.

Receipts are extremely difficult to obtain in Bulgaria, even for formal transactions such as vet services, where a Charity rate is kindly offered, or building services. Providing receipts for service remains unusual in Bulgarian culture.

Building costs were the biggest expenditure in 2019/2020 and are the second biggest expenditure in 2020/2021. The Shelter is now fully compliant with local regulations and exceeds expected standards when inspected by the authorities. It is hoped building and maintenance costs will be significantly lower in 2021/2022.

Spreadsheets for 2019/20 and 2020/21 have now been provided to The Charity Commission to accompany the AGM reports and a UK-based Auditor is being sought going forwards; initial enquiries have not yet identified a suitable qualified person with availability to take on this role. This is a priority action for 2022.

This record of meeting prepared by Amanda Hitchcock Trustee and Secretary.

This record of meeting agreed and signed (virtually) as an accurate record of the meeting and representation of the current position of the Charity by all three Trustees:

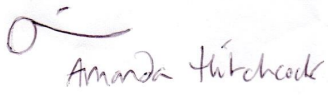


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