

Crossing Cottage Greyhound Sanctuary

t/a RGT East Midlands

Ossington lane

Sutton on Trent

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Annual General Meeting 2024

Minutes of the meeting held 11th July, 2025

Present:

David John Morton

Christine Miles

Jo Haigh-Tanner

Paul Griffiths

Matthew Sullivan

The trustees present their report for the year ended 30th September 2024.

The accounts and all supporting documents for the year ended 30th September 2024 have been examined and checked by R W Oakes of David Mitchell Accountancy Ltd.

This year has seen a 44% increase in income (£41,494), with a 34% increase in expenditure (£29,077), resulting in a boost to the cash at bank at the end of the year (£8,928.52 @ 30/09/2023 vs £29,814.89 @ 30/09/2024).

Income

Material increase in Owner and Trainer Donations (£29,750) primarily due to us now routinely asking greyhound owners and trainers for a contribution towards the cost of their care once surrendered. There was also a significant increase during the year for Sale of Goods (£7,059) due to a wider range of items available for new owners to purchase at the point of adoption, and the addition of the facility to take payments via credit/debit cards. We managed to obtain increased donations and sponsorship during the year (£6,048) but this was partly offset by a decrease in fundraising income (£4,240) due to us reducing the number of significant fundraising initiatives throughout the year.

Expenditure

As ever, the largest areas of expenditure were in relation to Wages (£65,799.89) and Veterinary Fees (£20,869.53). There was a significant increase in our wages cost (£27,723). This was due to increased staffing which was necessary to improve the welfare of the greyhounds in our care and also to cover for a decrease in volunteers during the year.

Staffing

Staffing has been fairly constant in the year to 30th September 2024, with the increase in cost primarily being driven by increasing the hours of existing part time staff.

Fundraising

We had no new fundraising initiatives during the year, and it remains important for us to attract and retain sponsors for the kennels and long-staying dogs in our care.

We continue to work with Agria Pet Insurance who offer 5 weeks free insurance for each dog homed, then if the owners continue their coverage with Agria we receive a bonus payment.

Our Christmas Raffle, Christmas Cards and calendar sales are always popular and again we attended the Greyhound Derby Final at Towcester Racecourse in July where we raised appx £2,275

We plan to attend more events in the future, to promote the profile of greyhounds as pets and Crossing Cottage in particular, as well as to raise funds.

Future Plans

We need to continue to attract and retain volunteers to help both at the kennels and at events. We also need to be more organised in our management of the volunteer team, so we can call on them when required.

We will continue with the GBGB Bond Scheme and persist in asking owners and trainers for contributions towards the cost of the care of greyhounds when surrendered to us.

We also need to explore more fundraising opportunities and increase engagement in our local community.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

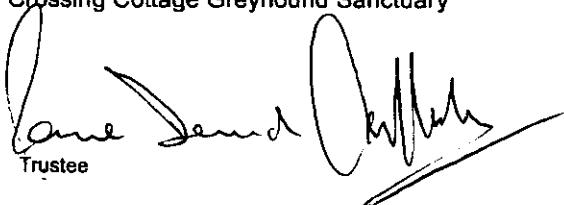
	2024 £	2023 £
RECEIPTS		
Owner Donations/Contributions	31,425.50	2,666.31
Adoption Donations	22,452.50	15,585.51
Trainer Donations	990.50	-
Fundraising	15,704.95	19,944.61
Sponsorship schemes	6,349.00	5,919.50
Other Donations	14,626.77	9,008.11
Sale of Goods	7,963.32	904.58
GBGB Bond Net Receipts	36,800.00	40,800.00
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Total receipts	136,312.54	94,828.62
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PAYMENTS		
Veterinary fees	20,869.53	22,051.76
Wages	65,799.89	38,078.38
Food	10,488.67	13,078.36
Kennel Costs	7,523.00	5,461.84
Fundraising Costs	2,702.54	3,269.44
Website	2,298.40	2,750.00
Cost of Goods Sold	3,623.68	416.06
Bank Charges	298.73	-
Homing costs	2,091.74	1,513.39
GBGB Bonds	-	-
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Total payments	115,696.18	86,619.23
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Net receipts	20,616.36	8,209.39
Funds at start of year	8,928.52	719.13
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Coop bank balance introduced	270.01	
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Cash funds at year end	29,814.89	8,928.52
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT THE PERIOD END

Cash at Bank - Natwest	22,387.46	8,928.52
Cash at Bank - Coop	5,932.71	
Cash in hand	1,494.72	
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	29,814.89	
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These financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
Signed for and on behalf of Crossing Cottage Greyhound Sanctuary


Trustee


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Independent review prepared for the benefit of C&C

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