



Schnauzerfest

our Annual Report and Accounts

2021-2022



Registered Charity Number 1185975

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 2021 TO MARCH 2022

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Schnauzerfest is an animal welfare charity working to relieve the suffering of dogs, in particular but not exclusively schnauzers, who are in need of care and attention. We promote humane behaviour towards all dogs. We achieve this by supporting animal welfare charities, organisations and individuals involved in the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of dogs who are in need of care and attention. This includes dogs saved from puppy farms and other breeding facilities where their psychological health is frequently as damaged as their physical wellbeing. In addition we provide support for individuals who are unable to meet the costs of veterinary care for their adopted dogs. Schnauzerfest educates the public on matters around responsible pet ownership and animal welfare with a focus on the dog breeding industry.

The Trustees confirm that they have carefully considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake and believe that Schnauzerfest's work does so in a number of ways. Throughout this annual review, the activities undertaken by Schnauzerfest will demonstrate that the charity's work in pursuit of its charitable purposes have created material public benefit and prepared Schnauzerfest to further this in the coming years.

AT A GLANCE

Grants for veterinary treatment for **45** individual dogs
24 rescue organisations received financial support
11 dogs post-adoption received financial assistance
Grants of **£24,000** for vet bills for dogs seized from illegal breeders
Grants of **£14,500** to **5** organisations for neutering dogs and other veterinary treatment

We funded a number of specialist veterinary interventions:

4 specialist eye procedures
2 orthopaedic operations
1 PDA case



OVERVIEW OF OUR SECOND YEAR

After the challenges in our first year it was with some relief that we moved into our second, albeit with COVID-19 still present. As the year progressed it became clear that restrictions affecting in-person events and our traditional fundraising dog walks would remain a concern. In addition, a rise in dog-thefts and what this means for organising and publicising gatherings of desirable dogs required attention.

Financial help for veterinary bills went to 24 rescue organisations and a number of individuals. While the majority of the dogs helped were schnauzers, we agreed to assist with the veterinary expenses for seizures of more than one hundred dogs from three different illegal breeding operations. The rescues caring for the dogs faced large vet bills and were unable to publicise the dogs' plight, or fundraise, due to pending prosecutions.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters we had sufficient confidence in our financial position to develop more ways to deliver assistance to rescues for their vet bills. As a charity we are determined to use our funds each year while maintaining adequate reserves to safeguard future work. As well as rescues helping schnauzers we prioritise those working with ex-breeding dogs irrespective of breed. We began the process of developing neutering grants to be issued when our funds permit. Three small, independent rescues received these. Within the bounds of our objectives and finances, with increasing hardship and demands on rescues we will continue to reach out to as many as we can which are struggling.

Establishing and maintaining good working relationships with rescue organisations is important for the charity as it optimises the assistance we can offer. We're delighted that as well as strengthening existing ones, new relationships were formed. This enabled us to have a broad geographical reach and help more dogs than the previous year despite having a lower income.



THE SCHNAUZERFEST CHARTER

SCHNAUZERFEST **DOG IS LOVE**
WELCOMES ALL DOGS,
NO MATTER WHAT BREED,
COLOUR, SHAPE OR SIZE.

WE PROMISE, WHATEVER THE WEATHER TO BE OUT FOR DOGS IN NEED.
LET DOGS BE DOGS. WE PROMISE TO LET DOGS
SNIFF, ROLL AND RUN.

SCHNAUZERFEST OFFERS DOGS THE
CHANCE TO YIP, YAP AND BARK THEIR JOY.
WE BELIEVE IN LOVE AND FREEDOM FOR ALL DOGS.
LOVE ORANGE. CELEBRATE
LIFE.

TALK ABOUT **SCHNAUZERFEST** OFTEN.
IN RETURN WE ASK OUR HUMAN FRIENDS TO BE
RESPONSIBLE, TO KEEP DOGS SAFE, TO KEEP AN EYE
ON THEM AT ALL TIMES AND TO DISH OUT TREATS.
STOP PUPPY FARMING. ENJOY WALKS:



big walks, small walks, beach walks, forest walks, park walks,
dry walks, wet walks, windy walks, quiet walks, frosty walks.

WE PROMISE TO HAVE FUN FUNDRAISING.

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HELPING THE BIG AND THE SMALL

The range of costs for veterinary bills we covered varied widely. Some cases were straightforward while others were complex with significant costs attached.

Jonathan and Henry

Jonathan is a carer and on the national minimum wage. He adopted Henry, a standard schnauzer and was having problems meeting the costs of neutering which his vet advised was necessary. Henry's insurance cover was up to date but didn't cover neutering. Before approaching Schnauzerfest, Jonathan had tried other charities but didn't fall into their catchment areas.



"As a youngster we had a mini who sadly died earlier than he should have due to seizures. A few years later we were holidaying and came across a standard schnauzer and I vowed from that day I wanted one. And so Henry came along and I couldn't believe my luck. A couple of years on and he's my world. I care more about him than I do myself.

I used to be in Marketing, but took a change in career and moved into adult support work. Which has meant hard times financially. I've continued with my pet insurance throughout. I've always been mindful of Henry's condition."

Jonathan set up a Crowdfunder to raise the funds for Henry's surgery.

Schnauzerfest covered the shortfall which amounted to £70.

Supporting owners unable to meet the costs of veterinary care for their dogs due to economic disadvantage is something we expect to expand as the financial crisis deepens.

**Total Grants
for vet fees**

£109,334



Jill and Megan

When Megan arrived in August into the care of **Friends of Rescue** in Northern Ireland it was clear she had complicated medical issues including poorly managed diabetes and blindness. She was confused, finding it hard to navigate her new world. A Grant was put in place to cover the veterinary costs involved in stabilising and treating Megan's to prepare her for adoption.

Over a period of six months Megan's health would improve only for her to suffer new setbacks. Nevertheless, Jill, an experienced adopter came forwards and her adoption was agreed.

Just as this was to happen, Megan was hospitalised with a serious bout of pancreatitis and new diagnosis of Cushing's Disease.

By the time Megan went to live with Jill in February the veterinary costs totalled **£5621**.

In her new life with Jill and family - which includes 5 schnauzer siblings - Megan is thriving. She has gained confidence and enjoys regular walks and activities. Under the care of the veterinary team and Jill's dedication her diabetes and Cushings' disease have stabilised. The frequency of tests and appointments has lessened as her health has improved. Megan's quality of life is markedly good. If it is possible, and recommended to do so, cataract surgery will be considered.

Megan's multiple conditions are uninsurable. A post-adoption Grant covers the costs of meeting her complicated veterinary needs.

£6793 for veterinary bills were paid for Megan during the period covered by this report.



"It is difficult to convey the difference that Schnauzerfest support has had, and continues to have, to both Megan and our lives. It's a beautiful thing to know that a whole team of wonderful people are right behind Meggie Moo, providing financial support for her continued treatment and cheering her (and us) on. It has been life changing for Moo."

Jill Hawthorne

REACHING OUT AND NETWORKING WITH RESCUES

Following our first year during which we prioritised fundraising, we started the second year in a good financial position. With an eye to being prepared for unexpected demands and meeting our existing commitments to ongoing cases we made the decision to prioritise sending out financial help to all the rescues we could identify. To use the funds generously given and raised by our supporters where it was most needed. We focussed attention on finding rescue dogs we could help and rescue organisations to work with. One of our concerns is that we know there are rescues struggling which we can help if we can find them, as well as responding when rescues approach us.

Raising awareness of what we can do to help rescues and schnauzers after their adoption is something we use our membership of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) to do. Nine of the twenty four rescues which received help are ADCH members.

Finding dogs we can help is essential and we are thankful to supporters who bring dogs to our attention. We can find the dogs but do need help doing so to increase the support we provide. Sometimes we are asked to buy dogs found on selling sites or who are located abroad. We cannot offer help in these cases as buying or importing dogs lies outside our charitable purpose. Moreover, puppy farmers, dealers and low welfare breeders use the pet selling sites. Our funds won't be used to support this.

Almost all the rescue organisations we offered help to for schnauzers in their care accepted it. One we have previously worked with declined assistance for cataract surgery.



"Schnauzerfest have been a great support. They're an example of how collaboration makes a difference. Thanks to their support we recently saw gorgeous Winston move into his forever home and were able to help puppy farm mums like Kayla give birth in a safe environment."

Vanessa Waddon, Hope Rescue, Wales



NEW YEAR GRANTS

In December we invited supporters to nominate rescues to receive £1000 New Year Grants. This brought assistance to rescues at a traditionally difficult time of year for them. It also allowed us to reach rescues which our supporters wanted help to go to, as well as providing introductions which we can build on with future help.

Nominating **Cinque Ports Rescue** which is based in Kent, supporter Penny Day said, "I was so lucky to get my mini schnauzer ex-puppy farm girl Betty from this small rescue 7 years ago. Cinque Ports Rescue do an amazing job rescuing mainly small dogs and work hard to raise funds for vets fees and food. They deserve all the help they can get. My girl has become the funniest, most confident dog."



Dogs 4 Rescue

29 January · 🌐

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A big thank you to [Schnauzerfest](#) for awarding us a £1,000 grant towards vet bills 🙏🙏
We're a small, independent rescue so gestures like this mean the world. Thanks also to their wonderful supporters who help raise funds for them to distribute to help rescue dogs 🐾🐾🐾

Here are few of our dogs chilling in the park at our kennel-free rescue. The funds will be used to provide them with the best possible vet care 💜

"Vet bills are always our largest single item of monthly expenditure and we have just received rather a large Vet bill so your contribution to this couldn't have come at a better time and I can confirm that this £1,000 will be passed straight to our vets." - Hilary, K9 Crusaders, Cornwall

Donate & Nominate



**Please support the
Schnauzerfestive
2021 Appeal**



Bliss Cavalier Rescue

21 January · 🌐

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What a pawsome start to the year we had recently with this wonderful news!! ★

We were over the moon to receive an email from the wonderful team at Schnauzerfest, who do such tremendous work in raising funds to help rescues, telling us that we had been nominated by their donors to receive an allocation of the monies raised to go towards our vet bills!

This could not have come at a better time for us, as we have some very big bills to pay and we are so so grateful to everyone involved!

Thank you Schnauzerfest for your kind donation of £1000 and all your wonderful donators, we are so so grateful for you support 💜



FUNDRAISING AND OUR COMMUNITY

Schnauzerfest has a dedicated, generous and strong community of supporters. We are conscious that financial uncertainty from the pandemic and the rising cost of living crisis will be placing pressure on many of our supporters. At all times we respect the demands being faced both by them and the rescues we identify as needing help. We aim to grow our supporter base which we hope will maintain our need to bring in funds while being sensitive to our donors and not asking too much of them through difficult times.

In February after reviewing the Fundraising Regulator's Code on static collections, we introduced static collection tubs, inviting supporters to help us get them into their local businesses. We are hopeful that over time the numbers of these will increase and provide a regular income stream.

Low to no-cost fundraising options

We believe we achieved the right balance during the past year between issuing grants, fundraising and avoiding excessive requests of our supporters. This was helped by identifying and promoting as many free and low-cost ways supporters can raise funds. We applied within days of the launch of the [Nectar Donate Scheme](#) and were accepted. This joins [Amazon Smile](#), [Easy Fundraising](#), [Top Cashback](#), [Recycle4Charity](#), [Thrift+](#), [eBay](#) as ways supporters can raise funds at no extra cost to themselves.

As a charity which relies entirely on donations we are keen to support our fundraisers and communicate effectively with them and our supporters. We made the decision to implement a CRM system to facilitate this and improve the efficiency of our fundraising including Gift Aid claims. While presenting a considerable demand on our time during the first few months of its implementation and a financial commitment, its value is paying off.

MONEY RAISED

[Easyfundraising](#) £815 [Recycle4Charity](#) £116 [Amazon Smile](#) £1789 [Thrift+](#) £100 [eBay shop and charity seller donations](#) £1208



WEBSITE SHOP AND EBAY

These are run by a volunteer and provide regular income for the charity. We are committed to offering good quality items across a broad price range. Private donors provided several batches of items to sell in both for 100% profit including the Calendar which was a sell out.

We are extremely grateful for the time and dedication of our volunteer for running these outlets.

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

We work with a number of generous small businesses which support the charity. During the financial year we received £2307 from their donations. As required by the Charities Act 1992 we have formal agreements in place to protect donors, supporters and the charity.

REGULAR DONORS

During the period covered by this review we had the support of 86 regular monthly donors. Integrating our CRM and website helped to build this from 61 in the last period. Regular support gives stability of income for the charity allowing us to plan and make quick funding decisions when required. This is especially important for emergency cases.

GIVING LOTTERY

This has been a good source of regular income (£6464) with a low cost to supporters. There have been several cash prize winners with some donating winnings back to us. We recognise there is a challenge in maintaining interest and limiting a natural donor attrition rate.

FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

We have a strong Facebook presence and by using its fundraising tools this produced significant income, £11,920. We are beginning to do similar on Instagram following the introduction there of fundraising tools.

PRIVATE DONORS

Schnauzerfest is extremely grateful to a small group of generous private donors. They funded particular costs and projects alleviating the need for us to use donations. It also helps us to realise projects which might not otherwise happen.

As members of the Fundraising Regulator and we follow the Code of Fundraising Practice. We provide a fundraising pack for supporters which is available on our website and which follows the Code. We ensure our contact details are available to all supporters and encourage contact with us to ensure we are responsive, supportive and proactive with our fundraisers.



CASE STUDY - MINNIE MOO

Minnie Moo arrived in rescue, from a puppy farm, just before Christmas. After spending a few weeks in a foster home, she was ready for adoption. On the day this happened, she fell critically ill and required emergency hospital admission over a few days. The timing couldn't have been worse, her insurance hadn't kicked in and suddenly her rescue and adopters were faced with rapidly escalating costs. A Schnauzerfest Grant was put in place to cover everything.

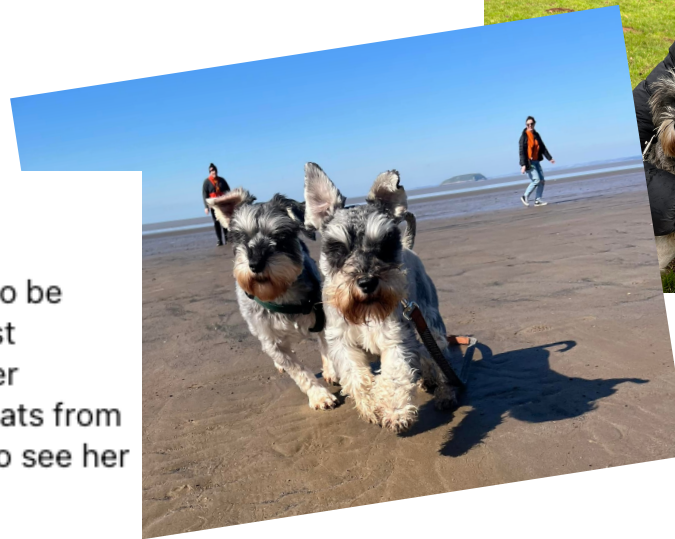
It was touch and go but thankfully once she started to improve, she was quickly in her new home and enjoying her new life.

Moo's treatment costs were over £2000.

Rachel Sanders ▶ Schnauzerfest Walks The Globe

20 March · 🌐

This is **Schnauzerfest** sponsored very own Moo (used to be Minnie) having the time of her life today at the southwest schnauzerfest walk - her first time at the beach! With her brother Ronnie showing her the ropes of begging for treats from anyone that will listen 🤪 Thought everyone would like to see her progress 🐶🐶



"Thank you again so much for all your help and support. We are so grateful. She's doing well now, she's such a sweetheart. We've been spreading the word to everyone we know about how wonderful Schnauzerfest is, thank you again from the bottom of our hearts." Rachel, Minnie Moo's adopter



WALKS AND FUNDRAISING

Schnauzerfest is synonymous with walks. Our community began as one organising dog walks which became nationwide fundraising walks. COVID restrictions posed serious challenges in 2020 which continued during 2021. But as they lifted, and we adapted to conditions supporters began organising walks in the latter part of 2021. Adding to our website a list of independent Facebook based schnauzer walking groups helps people to network and find others to walk with and support the charity. At particular times of the year it is one of the most visited pages on our website. As social walks have re-established supporters are organising them throughout the year. This raises funds as well as awareness locally and across social media. In addition there is social value in these events for supporters and some attract media attention.

Supporter Dave Rodrigues organises monthly walks on the South Coast of England and told the Daily Echo, "Whenever we organise our next walk, I put the feelers out and people say where they want to walk. For some people, these walks are a monthly salvation. It's all really positive and at the end of the day, it helps the charity and it's good fun."



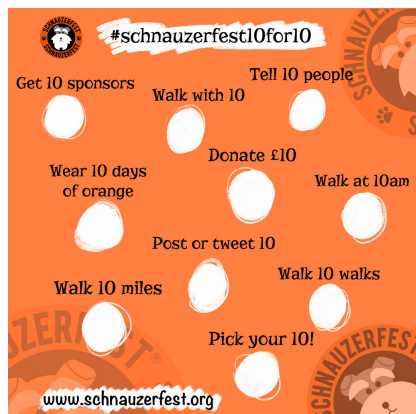
Individual walking challenges were undertaken by supporters including a couple walking the length of Hadrian's Wall. Another creative supporter, Becky Wash came up with a brilliant take on the popular movie with her "Honey I Shrunk the Dogs!" fundraiser. Over 10 days Becky shared photographs taken during walks with her dogs Otis and Bert depicting them in tiny form.

Becky said,
"We walked many miles and visited some great places to take the photos. A lot of hours and plenty of planning went into the challenge but we loved every minute".
Becky's motivation to support Schnauzerfest is personal. Otis was rescued in an operation involving 64 dogs living in terrible conditions in a puppy farm 7 years ago. He still has emotional issues caused by his background.



OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF SCHNAUZERFEST

By October restrictions had largely lifted and supporters organised walks among friends to support the charity. This kept Schnauzerfest in the forefront of people's minds during October which is the traditional month when Schnauzerfest is celebrated.



Alongside walks which took place around the country in aid of the charity, we organised a hybrid event - **Schnauzerfest 10 For 10**. This celebrated 10 years since our founder adopted her first rescue dog, Susie-Belle and the 10th month of the year. Supporters were encouraged to use social media to show their support, expanding awareness of the charity's work, rescue dogs and puppy farming.

In the **Schnauzer Friends, East Anglia group**, organisers aimed for 10 walks during the month. Christine Harvey who runs the Schnauzer Friends, East Anglia Facebook group said,

'We achieved nine walks during October with six of them starting at 10.00am. One had to be cancelled due to bad weather. They were hosted by members of our local group and took place in Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk & Suffolk. It was lovely to get out and about with group walks again following the quietness of Covid restrictions. Made sweeter by us raising funds for Schnauzerfest.'

October also saw the first **Schnauzerfest Bake Off**, with celebrity judge, Great British Bake Off star and adopter of rescue schnauzer Megan, Terry Hartill. Fourteen supporters took part and submitted photos of their culinary creations.



VOLUNTEERS

We have amazing volunteers. Without them the charity would not be able to do what it does. Our volunteers donate professional skills, expertise, enthusiasm and thousands of hours to the charity.

Volunteers provide their time, skills and dedication in these key areas:

- social media
- photography
- press and media
- printing
- product design
- website design, management and development
- webshop and ebay
- creating, making, sourcing, donating, selling items
- education
- supporter engagement and care
- organising events
- promoting our work in a wide range of contexts

HELPING TO REHOME WHEN NOT A REHOMING ORGANISATION

Schnauzerfest is not a rehoming organisation or breed rescue and we have no plans to be. However, during the past year we have experienced an increase in the number of people contacting us to rehome their dogs. In order to help owners avoid the pet selling sites and navigate their way through the rescue system, we made the decision to act as a liaison between owners and rescues. With the number of inquiries increasing each month, in August we recruited a volunteer to take on this work. History shows in financial downturns people give up their dogs. With the crisis the country is facing, the increase in requests for our help in rehoming is something we expect to continue. We offer financial support for any vet bills incurred by rescues when they help owners who approach us for help.

In May we began keeping records of requests to advise or assist with rehoming. We were asked to help with:

- 35 dogs
- 4 standard schnauzers, 31 mini schnauzers

In every case we provided advice. Where it was requested we liaised with rescue organisations to secure places for the dogs and provide rescue back up.

Of the 35 dogs, there were known outcomes for 11. As our work in this area develops, we will seek to follow up cases and have a more thorough picture of outcomes.



COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC, PRESS AND OUR COMMUNITY

We enjoy staying in touch with our volunteers, supporters and the wider public. It is fundamental to the charity. We aim to engage and communicate on every aspect of our work through social media and traditional channels and when possible to do, face-to-face. Our e-newsletter goes out to those on our mailing list and we send regular emails, demonstrating where support goes as well as ways supporters can get involved, and other news about the charity. We have a high retention rate of subscribers indicating the mixture is appealing and supporters are interested in hearing from us. We see communication as a two-way thing and encourage supporters to get in touch and are highly responsive in return.

WEBSITE

Our website is under regular review and development. It is updated with news on the dogs receiving help and events. We added a new section dedicated to young supporters which has downloadable resources and activities. This is an area we plan to develop further to reach dog owners of the future. One of the most visited pages of the website in the first half of 2021 was the adoption advice page. This reflected a rise in people wishing to acquire dogs during the pandemic.

MEDIA

Supporters generated local and national media interest in the charity with features appearing about walks held in aid of the charity in the [SW Londoner](#) and [South Coast Echo](#). Footballer Simon Moore's support for us was profiled in the [Sunday People](#), [Pets Magazine](#), [Edition Dog](#) and the [Brazilian Petshop News](#) magazine all featured our Schnauzerfest 10 For 10 Campaign. Broadcaster Anna Webb interviewed our founder, Janetta Harvey for her [It's A Dogs Life](#) podcast and in October Janetta spoke to Anna and Jo Good on their [BBC Radio London Show](#).

SCHNAUZERFEST KIDS



STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Good governance is fundamental to our charity and something we are fully committed to. With it, Schnauzerfest is well placed to achieve its objectives. It ensures that we are compliant with relevant legislation, we can review all risks we are facing, and create a positive, protected community of supporters who we recognise and value as fundamental to our success. We take data protection and privacy seriously.

We adhere to the Code of Fundraising Practice and all required charity regulations.

INTEGRITY

As a charity we are committed to doing what is right and doing it openly and honestly. The Trustees govern and scrutinise all decisions to ensure we meet the standards set by the Charity Commission and Fundraising Regulator as well as the rigorous standards we set ourselves.

Keeping our supporters' and donors' trust is something we take very seriously. We work at all times to ensure that we manage the finances responsibly and are transparent, truthful and reliable.

Transparency is key to demonstrating integrity which we do whenever it is possible. There are some occasions where we might be prevented from being transparent by legislation (for example data protection) or, where a case is operationally sensitive (for example a welfare case). We consider carefully at all times what we share and when, with a steadfast commitment to transparency.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There are five Trustees, all were appointed on 24 October 2019.

Janetta Bensouilah **Founder**
Katherine Mitchell **Treasurer**
Anne Barlow
Camilla Kinton
Annabel Wilson

REMUNERATION OF TRUSTEES

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the charity.

TRUSTEE MEETINGS

The Trustee Board meets monthly by Zoom. Every meeting has standing agenda items covering performance, activities, planning, communications, risk and compliance matters. To these are added other relevant items in line with the Trustees' responsibilities.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment the charity trustees will have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the organisation. The trustees will make available to each new trustee, on or before appointment a copy of the current version of the constitution and a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

GRANT GIVING POLICY

The key element of our work is providing financial support for veterinary treatment. The payment of every veterinary treatment grant is considered and sanctioned by the Board of Trustees.



LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Schnauzerfest is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as a body corporate under Part 11 of the Charities Act 2011. The CIO registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 24 October 2019.

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CHARITY NUMBER: 1185975

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

We are pleased to present our full financial report and statements in the following pages. In brief, our total income for the year was £102,606, expenditure was £126,222 and unrestricted funds at year end were £65,273.

RESERVES

The Trustees have decided a policy of maintaining 3-6 months of expenditure. They consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Schnauzerfest was approved by the Trustees on 7th June 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Trustee Janetta Bensouilah, dated 14 June 2022.



FINANCIAL REPORT AND STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SCHNAUZERFEST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Schnauzerfest (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Scott Rouse
UHY Hacker Young

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Dated: 14 June 2022



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	3	77,806	665	78,471	100,463	6,306	106,769
Income from charitable activities	4	24,124	-	24,124	45,700	-	45,700
Investments	5	11	-	11	-	-	-
Total income		101,941	665	102,606	146,163	6,306	152,469
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Expenditure on charitable activities	6	125,557	665	126,222	55,483	8,097	63,580
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	(1,791)	1,791	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the period/							
Net movement in funds		(23,616)	-	(23,616)	88,889	-	88,889
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		88,889	-	88,889	-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		65,273	-	65,273	88,889	-	88,889

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.



BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

		2022		2021
	Notes	£	£	£
Current assets				
Stocks	10	3,626		4,565
Debtors	11	473		2,456
Cash at bank and in hand		64,166		84,299
		<u>68,265</u>		<u>91,320</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,992)		(2,431)
		<u></u>		<u></u>
Net current assets			<u>65,273</u>	<u>88,889</u>
Income funds				
Unrestricted funds			<u>65,273</u>	<u>88,889</u>
			<u>65,273</u>	<u>88,889</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7 June 2022

J Bensouilah
Trustee



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Schnauzerfest ("the CIO") is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered with the Charity Commission, with the Charity Registration Number 1185975.

1.1 Reporting period

The financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2021 were for a period of longer than one year. This was the first set of financial statements since the charity was registered on 24 October 2019. As a result the comparative amounts presented in these financial statements are not entirely comparable.

1.2 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This has included consideration of the Covid-19 pandemic and its effects on the charity as outlined in the Trustees Report. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.5 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1 Accounting policies

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Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.6 Expenditure

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Support and governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.



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1 Accounting policies

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1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the period.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the period.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1 Accounting policies

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Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
Donations and gifts	55,743	665	56,408	81,414	6,306	87,720
Gift Aid	7,817	-	7,817	5,424	-	5,424
Retail Partners	5,245	-	5,245	8,462	-	8,462
Other	9,001	-	9,001	5,163	-	5,163
	<u>77,806</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>78,471</u>	<u>100,463</u>	<u>6,306</u>	<u>106,769</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Shop and online sales	<u>24,124</u>	<u>45,700</u>



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5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2022 £	2021 £
Interest receivable	11	-

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Shop and online sales 2022 £	Vets 2022 £	Total 2022 online sales £	Shop and online sales 2021 £	Vets 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Shop costs and online fees	2,980	-	2,980	8,747	-	8,747
Vet bills	-	38,734	38,734	-	44,879	44,879
Animal support grants	-	70,600	70,600	-	-	-
	<u>2,980</u>	<u>109,334</u>	<u>112,314</u>	<u>8,747</u>	<u>44,879</u>	<u>53,626</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	3,502	6,582	10,084	3,254	5,450	8,704
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	1,328	2,496	3,824	467	783	1,250
	<u>7,810</u>	<u>118,412</u>	<u>126,222</u>	<u>12,468</u>	<u>51,112</u>	<u>63,580</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	7,810	117,747	125,557	12,468	43,015	55,483
Restricted funds	-	665	665	-	8,097	8,097
	<u>7,810</u>	<u>118,412</u>	<u>126,222</u>	<u>12,468</u>	<u>51,112</u>	<u>63,580</u>



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7 Support costs	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Post	2,397	-	2,397	4,024	-	4,024
Insurance	536	-	536	1,423	-	1,423
Printing and stationery	1,736	-	1,736	123	-	123
Bank and transaction fees	2,316	-	2,316	2,487	-	2,487
Memberships and licences	3,099	-	3,099	647	-	647
Accountancy	-	2,384	2,384	-	1,250	1,250
Consultancy	-	1,440	1,440	-	-	-
	<u>10,084</u>	<u>3,824</u>	<u>13,908</u>	<u>8,704</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>9,954</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>10,084</u>	<u>3,824</u>	<u>13,908</u>	<u>8,704</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>9,954</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

There were no employees during the current or prior year.

10 Stocks

	2022	2021
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>3,626</u>	<u>4,565</u>

11 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	261	1,726
Prepayments and accrued income	212	730
	<u>473</u>	<u>2,456</u>



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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	-	1,014
Accruals and deferred income	2,992	1,417
	<u>2,992</u>	<u>2,431</u>

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by: Current assets/ (liabilities)	65,273	-	65,273	88,889	-	88,889
	<u>65,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,273</u>	<u>88,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,889</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.





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