

CK9 Trustee Annual Report

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020



CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1186980

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Admin & Legal:

Administration and Legal Charity Name: Cloud K9 Rescue

Registered Charity number: 1186980

Charity's registered address: 1 The Sycamores, South Kilworth, Lutterworth, Leics, LE17 6EW

The Charity Trustees are:

Colleen Stead: Trustee Appointed 31st Jan 2020

Bridget Younger: Trustee Appointed 5th Jan 2020

Dave Younger: Trustee & Treasurer Appointed 5th Jan 2020

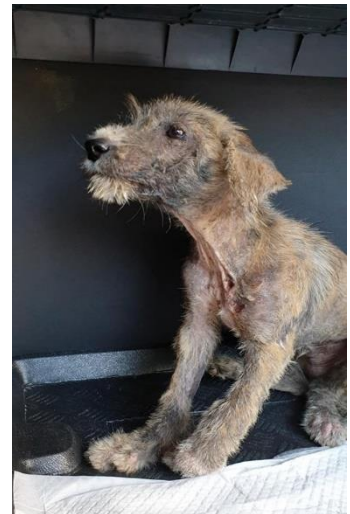
Rebecca Atkin: Trustee Appointed 8th Feb 2020

Our trustee numbers have reduced from 7 to 4 during the year. It is important that we recruit trustees with experience and with a similar ethic. We don't want to invite trustees simply to bolster numbers, so we will identify suitable candidates in due course. Having four trustees works well as it makes communication easier, however the downside is the pressure on everyone to still ensure that we are covering all areas of running a charity.

Activities in 2020:

In Romania the stray dog population is enormous due to it's political history, it's lack of animal welfare laws, it's cultural misunderstanding of the benefits of spay and neuter and its common held belief that dogs are vermin and can be discarded on a whim. It is a country of cultural diversity though with dedicated rescuers who devote their lives to rescuing those dogs in desperate need.

Sadly thousands of puppies are born who are then discarded at the side of busy roads, rivers or in forests never to be found.



Pregnant females, elderly and ill are either captured by merciless dog catchers or handed in by their owners and deserted at the horrific and unforgiving public shelters. In these shelters overcrowding, hunger, disease, fights and injury are commonplace.



The saddest are the elderly who have given a lifetime of devotion to an often uncaring owner only to be handed over to the dog catchers when their bark has gone and their health is failing.

The only possible way to escape this hell is to find a suitable rescuer, foster carer or adopter, most likely in a foreign country.

Our dedicated team who aim to visit annually, have been haunted by the plight of Romanian dogs and are committed to doing everything we possibly can for these dogs. We are often asked “why Romanian dogs?” and the answer is simple..... because if we can offer even just one dog a chance to a better life and then why would we not? There is absolutely no comparison to a rescue/rehoming centre here in the UK to the public shelters in Romania, absolutely none. We have seen it for ourselves.

We work with Romanian rescuers who we know and trust, supporting them through rehoming and donations. Over the last few years we have all fostered, adopted, and raised funds for many Romanian dogs and we will continue to do so until there are no dogs to rescue.

As you can see from our accounts, we have met all of our objectives. We have cared for dogs in Romania that needed help, which, without our intervention they certainly would have died. Most moved on to other rescues for them to rehome.

Provision of Services:

Below are the services we have set out in our governing document to undertake as a charity.

Fundraise in the UK

Foster dogs in the UK

Adopt dogs in the UK

Provide support for our Adopted dogs in the UK

Raise awareness of the status of dogs in Romania by attending dog shows

Support rescuers in Romania with financial aid

Fundraise and help towards dogs in Romania who need special care

Undertake special projects in both UK and Romania

Trustees Report:

As for almost all charities, this was challenging in ways we never anticipated.

We started the year having been granted charity status. This is something we are all so proud of and it set us up nicely for all that we want to achieve as detailed in Provision of Services section.



In February, three of our trustees headed to Romania to visit a couple of the public shelters and spent time with the ladies that manage them. What is pertinent to point out is that these ladies are volunteers and they get no financial support from the authorities.

We raffled a Valentine Hamper during February, made up of donations and contributions so it didn't cost the charity anything and raised a good amount of money.

We started Spring, having agreed which dogs we wanted to help following the visit to Romania. So many lovely dogs, but with limited foster space and funds we would have to prioritise. We also agreed that we wanted to fund at least one spay and neuter campaign this year

As the month progressed, it became clear that there were going to be lockdowns enforced on the UK and it was hard to gauge at this point, what implications this was going to have on rehoming and transport.

As a result of the above, during April we didn't have any dogs travelling or rehomed, it was also clear that a number of fundraisers would be postponed or cancelled, so this meant we needed to get more creative with fundraising and do as much as we could online.

It was from April onwards that we really started to develop our relationship with Romana in Romania, who acts as our temporary foster carer. Dogs we reserve from the Oravita shelter go to Romana for a temporary stay while they are prepped for travel. It also gives them the opportunity to decompress from the chaos and noise of shelter life.

We reserved an old black lab during April, the oldest dog we had helped to date, which made us proud but also a little anxious as to whether he would be adoptable. He had an horrendous skin condition and stiff joints from sleeping on concrete. We reserved him and appealed to our supporters for support with him foster fees. We were staggered with the donations that came in for him and it meant that we were able to fund all his veterinary treatment. Since then, whenever we have reserved dogs to foster in Romania, we have asked our supporters for donations towards foster fees and they have always stepped forward. Being able to see what/who their money is being spent on really helps.

During May we started to be able to transport some dogs, being mindful of COVID rules and restrictions. Rehoming started, but to homes as close to the foster home as possible, subject to it being the best possible home.

We also found out that we had been successful in being one of East Ruston Cottages charity beneficiaries for the next quarter and we benefited from £500 raised by them. Huge thanks to Sue for all she does. This was really satisfying as we rallied our CK9 supporters to vote for us and they absolutely smashed it.

Every month we sent a donation of around EUR100 to the Furry Friends Food Club. This happens at Mirela's shelter on the outskirts of Calarasi, and means that the shelter dogs got a feast of fresh chicken.

Finally in June, we made a donation of £150 to a lady called Denisa, who rescues dogs in Romania, who we've worked with, but her kennels were all flooded out and ruined during some atrocious weather. She held an online fundraiser towards the cost of replacement kennels and we were only too happy to support her.

Having been pleasantly surprised with the number of applications for old Tom (the black lab), we started rehoming more elderly dogs as there is clearly a demand for them. We reserved and rehomed more senior dogs and continued to do so through 2020 and will continue during 2021. We must give a special mention to the Oldies.org charity, who promote our dogs for free and we have begun to develop a good relationship with them.

We ran a fundraiser, with two doggy hampers donated by Vicki Wolf at The Barking Lot pet shop in Wetherby. All monies put in the spay/neuter clinic fund.

Finally, we sent a gift to Ramona (our foster carer in Romania) of a set of clippers. Grooming is a luxury in Romanian shelters and as longer coated dogs are common, their coats get matted and knotted to the point that the only answer is to clip them. This was a relatively simple thing to provide but will make so much difference to Ramona and the dogs.

During August we ran another raffle, for a short break holiday, donated by a Marisa at the Paddock Lodge in Escomb, County Durham.

Our spay/neuter campaign also took place during the month. See Special Projects. Finally for August we ran an appeal for funds for a little dog called Iris. She was a little dog who had puppies (all living as strays) who ended up with a broken leg because of human abuse. Our supporters again stepped up and secured her future and treatment.

Iris had her leg operated on in September and from then on it was rest and recovery for her. We are delighted that Iris was rehomed just before Christmas. Her new owner continued with hydrotherapy treatment, funded by us.

Another appeal to our followers was really well supported. We shared videos of a dog now named Claudius, being saved from the side of a road, he was literally skin and bone. Rescued by Georgiana we didn't know if he'd survive. He did but was also suffering from other health problems, which he was treated for. Another case of skin and bone was Isa, who was close to death, but with care from Georgiana, she rallied, travelled to us and was rehomed. Our rescuers do an amazing job with very little support. With the funds donated by supporters, we were able to send donations to 4 of the rescuers who we work with. This is something we'd love to be able to do on a more regular basis.

Our fundraiser in November had hampers as prizes and raised some much needed funds.

During December we became aware of a tiny oldie who we named Fay. She had a mammary tumour and had spent her life (13 years) at the end of a chain. The owner did not want to treat her and said she would remain on the end of chain, so our rescuers (with the owner's permission), took her away for treatment and a better life. She is stronger now, but unlikely to ever travel to the UK, we fund her care with her Romanian foster carer and she lives the life of a queen.

We funded a van load of straw bales for the Oravita shelter, which helped keep the dogs warm for the winter. This is something relatively cheap to do but makes such a difference.

One of our closest supporters, Stephen, drove to Romania with a van load of goodies (food and bedding) and then brought 5 dogs back on his return journey.

Final fundraiser for the year was our Photo Competition, with 10 categories to choose from. It was well supported and a good way to round the year off.

2021 is currently an unknown entity in the world of Rescue, but with the fantastic help both our current supporters and new supporters – which are growing in numbers, we are sure we are *“Making a Difference”* and will continue to do so.

Special Project – TAC spay/neuter campaign:



It was always an objective for the year to be able to support a spay and neuter campaign. We ideally wanted to be able to do this financially and be able to go and be hands on supporting, in whatever capacity we would be allowed. Any travel costs would be personally born by the trustees.

We put money aside through the year and also held specific fundraisers for the campaign which was ringfenced for it.

One of our proudest CK9 moments came from being able to financially support the spay and neuter campaign in Belis, Romania. This was one of the main objectives for the year and despite COVID restrictions resulting in the cancellation of fundraising event, we managed it. Working with a Romanian organization TAC, they set it up and ran it and even had a feature on national and regional news about what they were doing. They referred to CK9 on several occasions and spread awareness of their services and the importance of spay/neuter. We are delighted that 59 dogs were treated and we are planning to fundraise for at least 2 more clinics during 2021. Spaying and neutering is the only way forward to address the stray dog population. Not only were these animals sterilized, but they were de-wormed, tagged, eyes, ears and nails taken care of. This is treatment that they would never otherwise get.



Fundraising:

Regular supporters – Fay & foster fees

We pride ourselves on not relying on individual donations, although welcomed, rather supporting ourselves through hard work fundraising. This has been hit hard during 2020 due to external fundraisers being cancelled, therefore we have had to rely on online fundraising and asking for support with fostering and appeals for specific dogs.

One of the most successful donation schemes we have run this year is appealing to supporters to fund foster costs for dogs in Romania waiting to travel. This has been so successful and will be something we continue as long as we can. We always have the finances in the background to cover costs if nobody steps forward, but this money can then be spent on the dog's prep costs for travel. It is clear that our supporters enjoy engaging with us when they are funding a particular dog and they can follow it's story.

We have a small number of regular donors who send us a standing order each month. This is a great way of knowing what income we have coming in and means we can commit to a regular donation to our choice of rescuer in Romania so the dogs get food.

Online fundraisers have been effective for quick turnaround of funds, in the form of Bridget's 'Guess the'. Most winners kindly donate back their winnings, which is much appreciated.

We have had generous support from businesses and individuals, donating items or vouchers for raffles. We carried out raffles for Valentines Day and Christmas as well as a pet shop donating two hampers to be raffled. These all raised good funds for us without a cost to the charity.

As mentioned in the summary of the year, our supporters were instrumental in us benefitting from East Ruston Cottages charity donation scheme, whereby an amount from every booking is set aside to charity for a three month period and then split between three nominated charities. We earned £500 through this. In return, we have added East Ruston Cottages to our 'Friends of' section of our website.

At Christmas, as well as the raffle, we held a photo competition, administered by Hannah Winship with grateful thanks. We had various judges for the categories with our patron Meesh Masters, choosing Best in Show. Again, this was a great fundraiser.

We have researched the possibility of applying for Grants and support such as the Pets at Home charitable trust, but these and many others will not consider applications from charities that rehome dogs from overseas, which is a shame but we have to respect that. We will continue to look at these options during the next 12 months. Covid has had an impact on some of the Grant schemes, for example Lush had put a hold on theirs as their stores had to close and this obviously affected their income.

We have looked at fundraising platforms such as Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising, which both donate a small % of purchases to the charity of choice, but these have had little take up. These are things we can push again though.

We will continue to look at other fundraising opportunities throughout 2021, such as lotteries and trying to get supporters to carry out fundraising events for us so that we are finding new donors and not the same people all the time.

Treasurers Report & Accounts:

2020 started off with a brilliant start when we gained Charity Status. This will not only demonstrate our aim to operate a responsible charity, but also help to claim Gift Aid on our donations.

During the latter part of 2020 we received donations for work we intend to carry out in '21 and for specific dogs. These donations we have ringfenced for that specific use.

We started 2020 with a total of £2,271 including any reserves needed and finished the year £3195 as working funds. So all in all a fantastic year for us as a charity in what was a very peculiar year for the world.

Cloud K9 Rescue

2020 Accounts



	MONEY	IN	OUT	Balance
Opening balance (from 2019)		£2,335.91		
2020 accounts				
General		£15,121.95	£5,553.26	
Rehoming dogs in UK		£16,921.71	£17,295.68	
Donations to Romania		£2,119.00	£5,199.55	
Total		£36,498.57	£28,048.49	£8,450.08
Reserved				
Vets Contingency fees			£2,000.00	
PL Insurance			£400.00	
Chase Insurance			£150.00	
Web Site			£86.00	
Total Reserve			£2,636.00	
Ringfenced				
2021 Spay & Neuter Campaign				
Dog Funds (Inc in Bank Account)				
CLOUD			£117.26	
FAY			£557.50	
GRACIE			£92.79	
Total Ringfenced			£3,403.55	-£3,403.55
Available funds				£5,046.53

Signed

Dave Younger

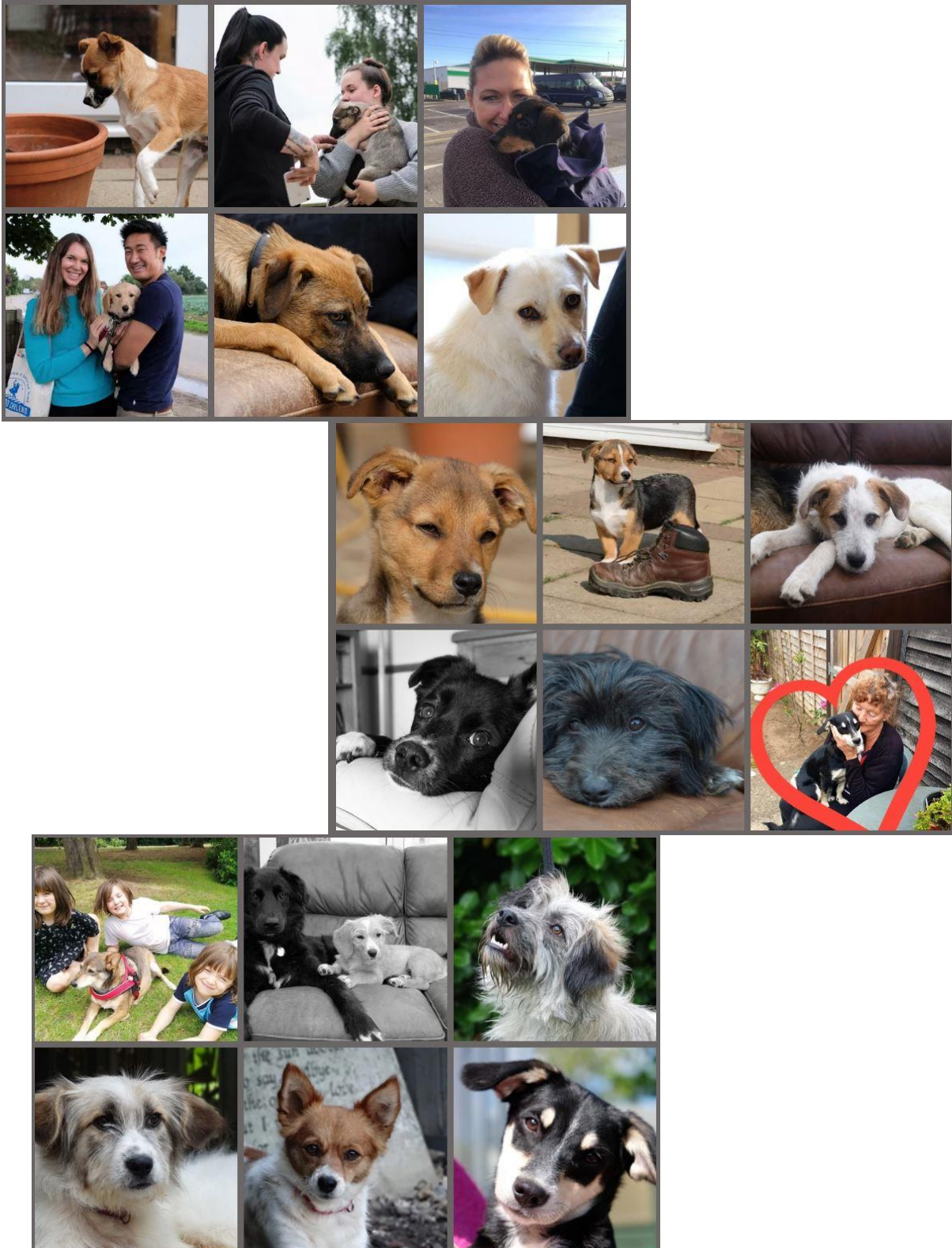
David Younger - Trustee & Treasurer

Dated

Sep-21

Adopted Dogs:

We are delighted to have rehomed 52 dogs through 2020. Each and every one has been rescued, fostered and rehomed with love and we could not be more proud. For such a small team of committee and fosterers, we are delighted. Here are a few of them



2021 Objectives:

Brexit and Covid permitting, we want to do more of the same as 2020.

We want to get back to running external fundraisers and we'd like to get more people fundraising for us. We will keep doing what we do well though and running online fundraisers, look for individuals or business to donate items for raffles.

We want to fund at least 1 spay and neuter campaign with TAC during 2020 and if rules permit, we'd like to be able to travel ourselves and support a campaign.

We would like to increase our contingency fund to at least £3,000. We have had a couple of instances during 2020 where we have seen how expensive veterinary costs are for unexpected instances. We would like to be financially stable enough to react when we need to.

We would like to add some more people to our foster team.

We would like to identify one or maybe two more committee members.

Acknowledgements:

This has been our first year with charity status and we have so many thank yous to say.

Monthly donors – this gives us comfort each month that we can send a regular payment to a chosen rescuer for food.

Fundraising Donors - thank you to everyone who has donated a raffle prize this year. Having prizes donated means that all money raised can go to the charity and ultimately the dogs.

Adopters – to everyone who has adopted one of our dogs and given them a future. This is what we do it for.

Fosterers past and present – by far one of the hardest jobs, taking on unknown quantities, giving them time love and patience and having to wave them off to their new home.

Resigned Trustees – thank you to Alice Thompson, Michael Scott and Jane Stacey for their service during the year

Rescuers – our rescuers on the ground in Romania, by far have the hardest jobs. Being faced with cruelty and abandonment every day, little welfare law and little money. Their commitment is unfailing.

East Ruston Cottages – for making us one of their charities of the quarter. We received £500.

Stephen and Sandra Collinson – for fostering and transporting dogs for us and so much more for the rescuers,

Oldies.org.uk – for advertising and promoting our dogs aged 7+ and asking nothing in return.

TAC – The organisation in Romania who ran the spay and neuter campaign in CK9's name. They kept in communication with us throughout the campaign, provided photos, used the CK9 name and logo wherever they could and also during television interviews on the local news.

One off donations – whilst we do not rely on, any one off donations have been very much appreciated.

Family – Sometimes taking a back seat to the charity and often the first people we speak to with successes or heartache.

Thank you to all of the people who have helped us this year. Firstly we can't do any of the things we do without the moral and financial support given to us. Equally we cannot rehome the dogs we bring over without the rescuers we deal with in Romania and the fosterers who have helped us all year.

Together – We are making a difference. Thank You.

The Trustees of CK9 Rescue

July 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Cloud K9 Rescue

No (if any)
1186980

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2020

To

Period end date
31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Donations & Fund Raising	15,122	-	-	15,122	-
Adoption Fees	16,922	-	-	16,922	-
Food Club	1,014	-	-	1,014	-
Spay & Neuter Campaign	1,170	-	-	1,170	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,228	-	-	34,228	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,228	-	-	34,228	-
A3 Payments					
General costs	5,553	-	-	5,553	-
Cost of Rehoming Dogs in the UK	17,296	-	-	17,296	-
Food Club Money Sent to Romania	1,014	-	-	1,014	-
Spay & Neuter Campaign	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Donations to Romanian Shelters	2,686	-	-	2,686	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,049	-	-	28,049	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	28,049	-	-	28,049	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,179	-	-	6,179	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,271	-	-	2,271	-
Cash funds this year end	8,450	-	-	8,450	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Funds Available	5,047	-	-
	Reserves & Ringfenced	3,403	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,450	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		David Younger		
		Rebecca Atkin		

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CLOUD K9 RESCUE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CLOUD K9 RESCUE (the Charity) for the year ended 31st December 2020.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: Michael Wildman FCCA

Date: 14th September 2021