



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 03/01/2024

Period start date To 02/01/2025

Period end date

Charity name: Companion Paws

Charity registration number: 1187191

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	1. The relief of the elderly and others who are in need due to loneliness and / or social isolation by providing a dog or cat as a companion. 2. For the public benefit for the relief of suffering and prevention of cruelty for cats and dogs by finding them a suitable home.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	We finds homes for dogs and cats that are in need of short term or longer term fostering or adoption due to changes in their circumstances e.g. owner needing hospital care or passing away. Similarly we help to find foster homes for dogs which have been rescued from the streets wherever that may be. We fund this by means of donations form our supporters and our own fundraising activities, such as bingo, raffles, quizzes and car boots.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes we have had such regard.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our fosters are all volunteers who are reimbursed for any expenditure on food if requested, although the charity meets any vet bills as they arrive. Other volunteers help by gathering in bingo and raffle prizes and assisting at our fundraising sessions.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Since our registration in 2020, we have rescued, assessed and settled 87 dogs into new homes. This has directly benefitted 87 lonely people and by extension family members as well, plus of course the animals themselves. We know that loneliness is an unseen illness, and we feel that we make a contribution to wider society by reducing demand on our health services. Feedback tells us that our activities have the desired, beneficial effect on those we support and this includes those attending our fundraising and social events.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We now have an established programme of fundraising events, which provide the income needed to successfully run our charity, but still seek grants.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The welfare of our dogs is paramount, and the majority of our expenditure is on vets' bills. We try to have a reserve fund to cover any unexpected condition in a dog which needs immediate attention.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None. We have very committed trustees who work hard to ensure we can continue our mission as described in our objects.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The existing Trustees discuss the merits of any potential Trustee before any approach is made.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Companion Paws
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1187191
Charity's principal address	4 Water Lane, Blackborough End, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE32 1SD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ken Rout			
2	Lynsey Rout			
3	Joy Chamberlain			
4	Helen Gillard			
5	Lianne Hitchcock		17/03/2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kenneth James Rout	Lynsey Danielle Rout
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	26/10/2025	



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Charity Name
Companion Paws

No (if any)
1187191

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 03/01/2024	To	Period end date 02/01/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	10,401	-	-	10,401	10,371
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,401	-	-	10,401	10,371
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,401	-	-	10,401	10,371
A3 Payments					
Vet Bills	7,630	-	-	7,630	6,254
Goods	2,111	-	-	2,111	1,609
Food	277	-	-	277	346
Equipment	-	-	-	-	43
Insurance	562	-	-	562	374
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,580	-	-	10,580	8,626
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,580	-	-	10,580	8,626
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 179	-	-	- 179	1,745
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 179	-	-	- 179	1,745

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	Business Account	1,940	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds		1,940	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
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			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Lynsey Rout	19/08/2025	