



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From** 25/06/2020 **Period start date** **To** 25/12/2021 **Period end date**

**Charity name:** CANINES FOR AFRICA

**Charity registration number:** 1190104

## **Objectives and Activities**

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>The purposes of the charity are to promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation of flora and fauna throughout the world, and in particular (but not limited to) flora and fauna classed as endangered, threatened or near threatened, primarily (but not exclusively) in Africa and India by:</p> <p>a) The training, deployment and provision of wildlife protection and anti-poaching field rangers and canine units, to protect rare, threatened or endangered species and to promote biological diversity;</p> <p>b) The provision of grants to organisations established to conserve flora and fauna for the public benefit; and</p> <p>c) Advancing education and raising awareness of the public in the need to preserve and protect the environment and all areas of conservation."</p>
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.	<p>Our main modus operandi is the breeding and training of specialised dogs – for anti-poaching, detection, tracking, patrol, research etc. We then train game rangers to become dog handlers and the resulting man/woman-and-dog units are deployed into game reserves.</p> <p>All expenses for the training (food, travel, lodging etc.) is covered by us, as is equipment for the dog.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>I confirm that all the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by Volunteers	Para 1.38	We have not used any volunteers during this period
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	<p>Canines for Africa has trained and deployed four anti-poaching K9 units during the period of this annual return. They were all placed in reserves in South Africa, as international travel was not permitted during this Covid period.</p> <p>Not only have our operations created jobs for trainers and rangers, and income for breeders, veterinarians and others, they have been instrumental in protecting rhinos and other animals from poaching. During Covid the levels of poaching rose dramatically (due to lack of tourists and therefore funding for anti-poaching units), so the work of Canines for Africa was especially appreciated during this time.</p> <p>Our units are also used, when requested, by local communities, needing help in search-and-rescue or tracking dangerous animals threatening villages, thus saving lives of humans as well as animals</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We had hoped to place more units in the field during this time but Covid lockdowns limited our movement. We were therefore obliged to delay training of units for Zimbabwe and Mozambique until 2022.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Due to the Covid lockdowns, and the general uncertainty of the times, fundraising was negatively affected. We did not raise as much as we would have hoped, but are very optimistic that this will change in the coming period

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income was lower than expected, and expenses higher. This was partly due to Covid, but largely due to this first year being about building a foundation for the charity. Making contacts and getting our story out were our priorities, and we have every confidence that this will result in significantly larger funds being received in the next year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There is no policy for holding reserves. When there are funds in the account, it is because funds are only spent when trustees believe that a particular project has all the credentials for responsible funding, and this takes time to research
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Zero
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	There is no requirement for reserves to be held. Trustees see that there are always small amounts of money available to pay banking, communications etc. fees, but fund are put into fieldwork as soon as feasible after receipt.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Our unrestricted fund had a deficit of £29,013 mainly due to Trust set up costs and other administrative expenses. We are working very hard to raise enough fund to cover our administrative costs.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

### 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	Principle sources of funds have been private individuals and conservation foundations
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Covid pandemic and its lockdowns had a major negative effect on fundraising. With this (largely) behind us now, it is foreseen that fundraising will pick up significantly. The trustees see no other significant risks to the charity
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
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	Only the current trustees can decide on the addition of a new trustee. All must agree on the choice for this to happen.

### 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	Canines for Africa
Other name the charity uses	K94A
Registered charity number	1190104
Charity's principal address	Wolfson College, University of Oxford, c/o Dr Moussavi Oxford OX2 6UD

## 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	Ms Vianna von Weyhausen	Chair		Entitled if unanimous
2	Dr Kaveh Moussavi			Entitled if unanimous
3	Mr Patrick Maina			Entitled if unanimous
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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

n/a

## 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)

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Full name(s)

Vianna von Weyhausen

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Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

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Date

7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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