



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023

Period start date To 31/12/2023

Period end date

Charity name: **CANINES FOR AFRICA**

Charity registration number: **1190104**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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: 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. b) The provision of grants to organisations established to conserve flora and fauna for the public benefit; and c) Advancing education and raising awareness of the public in the need to preserve and protect the environment and all areas of conservation."
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	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. All expenses for the training (food, travel, lodging etc.) is covered by us, as is equipment for the dog.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public	Para 1.18	I confirm that all the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

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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	Canines for Africa has trained and deployed five anti-poaching K9 units during the period of this annual return. 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. 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

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fewer units were deployed this year, due to less funds in
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	I changed strategy this year in fundraising, focusing on achieving one or two large donations in lieu of many smaller ones. I achieved this objective, with a verbal commitment of \$1.3 million, but the donor was tragically killed before the agreement came to fruition. I am following up with his foundation to see if this can still happen
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	The position is far from what is desired, largely due to the large donation falling through.
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	0
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	The unrestricted fund is in deficit, mainly due to a high percentage of funds being channeled to field operations, and higher- than expected costs. 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. There is a documentary on K94A in the pipeline, which should help with fundraising once it is finished.

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
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 trustees see no significant risks to the charity. We need to raise more funds to cover expenses (mostly travel) but are confident we can do this next year.
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
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	n/a	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
	n/a	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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

Vianna von Weyhausen	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Chair	
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Date

12 September 2023

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CANINES FOR AFRICA		
Charity No :1190104		
BALANCE SHEET		
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD		
1ST JAN TO 31ST DEC 2023		
	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£
Fixed assets	Yr 2023	Yr 2022
Tangible assets	2,359	1,291
Investments	-	-
Total fixed assets	2,359	1,291
Current assets		
Stock and work in progress	-	-
Debtors	-	-
Investments(Short Term)	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	13,981	21,746
Total current assets	13,981	21,746
Creditors:(Due within one year)	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	13,981	21,746
Total assets less current liabilities	16,339	23,037
Creditors:(Due after one year)	98,143	32,918
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-
Net assets	(81,804)	(9,881)