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REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1190386

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY**

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RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE022510 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1190386

Registered Office

c/o Rosedale Kennels
Rusham Road
Shatterling
Canterbury
CT3 1JL

Trustees (as at date of signing)

Nicola Joan Anne Crowhurst
Tracey Jacqueline Lee
John Whittaker

Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and is governed by its constitution last amended 10th July 2020. It was entered into the Register of Charities on 13th July 2020.

Organisational structure

Retired Greyhounds Canterbury is a public benefit entity whose objects are to promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for greyhounds which are in need of care and attention by reason of retirement from the racing industry, sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances and ill usage, rehoming such greyhounds where possible and educating the public in matters pertaining to responsible dog ownership and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among dogs, with a particular focus on retired racing greyhounds.

Retired Greyhounds Canterbury currently has 3 trustees who support the work of the charity. They work with a treasurer and the kennels manager to further the work of the CIO.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed, and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. These duties are met by a regular review of our risk assessment procedures, by constant monitoring and action taken where appropriate, and by Independent Examination of our annual report and accounts.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees refer to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the charity.

Our Vision is to be instrumental in the care and protection of those greyhounds which come into our care in search of a new home and to educate people about greyhounds and promote the humane treatment of them

Our Purpose is to provide appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for greyhounds which are in need of care and attention by reason of retirement from the racing industry, sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances and ill usage, rehoming such greyhounds where possible and educating the public in matters pertaining to responsible dog ownership and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among dogs, with a particular focus on retired racing greyhounds.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

RGC had an extremely positive first year as an independent charity.

Starting up during the 1st national Covid lockdown brought unique challenges in relation in particular to the suspension of the greyhound racing industry, which had a knock on effect on owners and trainers ability to care for their charges, and the difficulties involved in reaching out to the public virtually both for homing and educational purposes. The trustees, volunteers and kennel staff rose to these challenges inventively and tirelessly

This resulted in a total of 112 greyhound homings in the period up to 31st March 2021.

Although volunteer dog walking and attendance at events had to be suspended for parts of the reporting period, our volunteers continued to support the charity whenever possible. Many of our volunteers supported the greyhounds when the kennels worked with a previous national charity and all of them transferred to support Retired Greyhounds Canterbury when we set up independently.

FUTURE PLANS

Our 1st AGM is to be held on 20th June 2021

For the upcoming financial year, ensuring the charity remains on a stable financial basis is a key priority.

We will continue to explore and develop relationships with companies who have supported RGC to date and also explore other revenue streams, particularly in relation to dogs who need to stay with us for life due to our policy of never euthanasing a healthy dog

The charity continues to ring fence a contingency reserve fund of £7000 held in a separate account

We will continue to explore opportunities to publicise the work of the charity in caring for and homing greyhounds, hopefully with more face to face events. Said events also allow us to connect with the public to promote humane treatment of greyhounds (and other animals) and to specifically educate the public about this breed

FINANCIAL REVIEW

We are proud that in our first financial year as an independent charity we have been able to show a surfeit in funds which in turn will allow us to increase the number of greyhounds the charity is supporting in kennels at any one time

Our main income is from donations and income fees attached to each greyhound which moving forward will also be supported by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain due to our status as an approved homing centre with them, and then homing donations paid by new owners at the point of adoption.

We carry out various ad hoc collections of donations at events and encourage people to both donate by standing order and / or complete Gift Aid forms in our favour to generate additional income.

We continue to develop our fundraising strategy and capacity. We remain focused on making personal contacts with people and organisations in the community, and on producing high-quality presentational material. We will also be reapplying for continued preferred charity partner status with Pets at Home Stores in Ashford and Sittingbourne

The charity's contingency reserve fund is held so that:

- RGC has sufficient funds to meet its obligations as they fall due
- RGC can allow for contingencies which may arise - the main ones identified being:
 - a) loss of a major supporter
 - b) an orderly closure of the charity being required

THE TRUSTEES THANK

The staff and volunteers at Rosedale kennels without whom the charity could not exist. Our volunteers for their enthusiasm and commitment to everything we do and our donors who generously support the charity and enable its continuance.

IMPACT OF COVID-19

During the period of initial lockdown the kennels closed to all visitors and homing activities were ceased. At the same time emergency foster placements were sought for dogs in our care to enable us to take in other dogs in urgent need due to the suspension of racing.

Upon partial lifting of these constraints, the trustees and volunteers sought to restart charity activity within the government guidelines provided to animal charities

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming

resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on

and signed on its behalf by:

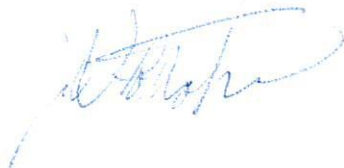
Nicola Joan Anne Crowhurst



Tracey Jacqueline Lee



John Whittaker



I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Retired Greyhounds Canterbury for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name of examiner: Pauline Southgate BSC (Hons)

Name of firm: PMS Business Services

Address: 22 Dorset Road, Merton Park, London SW19 3HA

Date:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Receipts | | | |
| Donations | 31,409 | - | 31,409 |
| Gift Aid | - | - | - |
| Dogs In | 28,582 | - | 28,582 |
| Dogs Out | 13,945 | - | 13,945 |
| GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain) | 4,400 | - | 4,400 |
| Sales of Greyhound Equipment | 795 | - | 795 |
| | 79,131 | - | 79,131 |
| Investment income | | | |
| Bank Interest | - | - | - |
| | | | |
| Total receipts | 79,131 | - | 79,131 |
| Payments | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Kennelling | 26,418 | - | 26,418 |
| Veterinary | 7,727 | - | 7,727 |
| Purchases of Greyhound Equipment | 1,539 | - | 1,539 |
| Branch Equipment | 623 | - | 623 |
| Volunteer expenses | 116 | - | 116 |
| RGC Vehicle expenses | 1,811 | - | 1,811 |
| Insurance | 504 | - | 504 |
| Bank Charges | 177 | - | 177 |
| GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain) | 1,200 | - | 1,200 |
| | 40,115 | - | 40,115 |
| Total payments | 40,115 | - | 40,115 |
| Net of receipts/payments | 39,016 | - | 39,016 |
| Cash funds last year end | - | - | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 39,016 | - | 39,016 |

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash funds | | | |
| CAF Cash A/c | 31,508 | - | 31,508 |
| CAF Gold A/c | 7,500 | - | 7,500 |
| Petty Cash | 8 | - | 8 |
| | <u>39,016</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>39,016</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| No liabilities at 31/03/2021 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |