

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY**

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RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1190386

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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
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ME19 4JQ

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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 has continued the successes of its first year into its second year of existence

Although this period was free from national lockdowns due to covid, there were still many restrictions on public gatherings and therefore many fundraising and awareness opportunities did not take place.

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Greyhound racing resumed which allowed owners and trainers to earn money and care for their charges however for many months it was behind closed doors which reduced our opportunities to interact with the public to raise awareness and funds.

We continued our relationship with Pets at Home Stores in Ashford and Sittingbourne however the requirement to wear masks in shops meant that while we were able to maintain displays in their stores we were not permitted to attend in person for the raising of awareness and funds

The petrol shortage in October 2021 luckily had little impact on the running of the charity however at the end of the period this report pertains to there was concern that the start of the war in Ukraine would potentially impact on energy costs and hence the cost of living

However as was the case in our first year, trustees, volunteers and kennel staff again rose to the challenges

Homings were down in the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 at 92. Although this is a significant drop it should be viewed in the light of the following factors:

- the 1st year's figures were likely slightly inflated by the fact that many people who had fostered for us during the 1st lockdown went on to adopt their foster dogs
- this year many people had uncertain plans as they were returning to the workplace
- many people had been on furlough with the attendant financial implications
- many of our awareness events, which we know encourage people to adopt, did not take place

In view of these factors then I believe it is fair to say that RGC has had another very successful year in this aspect

As previously mentioned, public health restrictions prevented the majority of our summer 2021 events from going ahead which also impacted on the raising of public awareness and public education on greyhounds

FUTURE PLANS

RGC will hold an AGM on 31st May 2022

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 organisations 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 which at the end of the period of this report was of approximately £12,000 held in a separate deposit account

We will continue to explore opportunities to publicise the work of the charity in caring for and homing greyhounds, and are very optimistic that the summer of 2022 will see a complete resumption of 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

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

We are proud that as an independent charity we have continued to show a surfeit in funds which in turn will allow us to maintain the number of greyhounds the charity is supporting in kennels at any one time

Our main income is from the Greyhound Board of Great Britain bond scheme which is the fee paid by owners / trainers and matched by the GBGB when a dog retires to an approved homing centre. This has replaced the old direct intake fee paid to RGC.

Other important sources of income are homing donations on adoption and other monetary donations.

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 also successfully renewed our preferred charity partner status with Pets at Home Stores in Ashford and Sittingbourne under their revised charity schemes for 2022 although for the duration of this report the requirement to wear masks in shops meant that while Pets at Home permitted us to maintain displays in their stores we were not permitted to have a presence in person for the raising of awareness and funds

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.

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

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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 24th October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Nicola Joan Anne Crowhurst



Tracey Jacqueline Lee



John Whittaker



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1190386**

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of **Retired Greyhounds Canterbury** for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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.

P. P. Southgate

Name of examiner: Pauline Southgate BSC (Hons)

Name of firm: PMS Business Services

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

Date: 26 May 2022

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Last Year £
Receipts				
Donations	32,123	-	32,123	31,409
Gift Aid	1,922	-	1,922	-
Dogs In	3,400	-	3,400	28,582
Dogs Out	12,130	-	12,130	13,945
GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain)	44,400	-	44,400	4,400
Sales of Greyhound Equipment	1,692	-	1,692	795
	95,667	-	95,667	79,131
Investment income				
Bank Interest	2	-	2	-
Total receipts	95,669	-	95,669	79,131
Payments				
Charitable activities				
Kennelling	55,383	-	55,383	26,418
Veterinary	14,666	-	14,666	7,727
Purchases of Greyhound Equipment	1,482	-	1,482	1,539
Purchases of Goods for Resale	72	-	72	-
Branch Equipment	1,948	-	1,948	623
Volunteer expenses	194	-	194	116
RGC Vehicle expenses	1,348	-	1,348	1,811
Insurance	497	-	497	504
Bank Charges	171	-	171	177
GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain)	12,900	-	12,900	1,200
	88,661	-	88,661	40,115
Total payments	88,661	-	88,661	40,115
Net of receipts/payments	7,008	-	7,008	39,016
Cash funds last year end	39,016	-	39,016	0
Cash funds this year end	46,024	-	46,024	39,016

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Last Year £
ASSETS				
Cash funds				
CAF Cash A/c	33,523	-	33,523	39,016
CAF Gold A/c	12,501	-	12,501	-
Unbanked cheques				
Dogs In	200	-	200	-
Dogs Out	325	-	325	-
Donations	125	-	125	-
Gift Aid				
Via HMRC	785	-	785	-
Via CAF	12	-	12	-
	<u>47,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,471</u>	<u>39,016</u>
LIABILITIES				
Kennelling				
March 2022	5,001	-	5,001	-
	<u>5,001</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,001</u>	<u>-</u>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

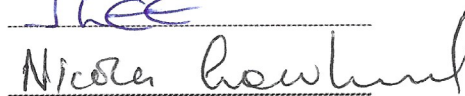
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NICOLA CROWHURST