

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE022510 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1190386

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY

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RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
CF022510 (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)

Sarah WESTLAKE
David James ALMOND
Robert Keith TICE
John WHITTAKER
Alun WILLIAMS

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 6 trustees who support the work of the charity. They work with a treasurer (who is also a trustee) 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. Trustee meetings are held approximately every two months.

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

Throughout the financial year 2022-2023, everyone associated with the organisation rose to the challenges of rehoming the greyhounds. This was made more difficult by the rise in the expense of living for everyone involved, including potential adoptees. During this time, our events team volunteers visited a total of 6 events, some of which were two day events. Additionally, 20 monthly walks, were held to raise awareness of the charity's rehoming side and to increase donations. This resulted in fifty-eight dogs being re-homed from January 2022-January 2023. This takes into consideration the dogs that were returned because of the economic climate and post pandemic boom.

Furthermore, our dog walking volunteers continued to help the charity by offering enrichment activities for the greyhounds away from the kennels, which enhanced awareness about the rehoming part of the organisation.

FUTURE PLANS

Our AGM was held on February 19, 2023, with the next one scheduled for March, 2024.

A crucial focus for the forthcoming fiscal year is safeguarding the charity's financial stability.

We will continue to investigate and create ties with corporations that have previously supported RGC, as well as alternative revenue streams, particularly in respect to dogs that must remain with the charity for the whole of their lives owing to our policy of never euthanising a healthy dog.

The charity has a contingency reserve money of £12587 in a separate account.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

We are proud that this financial year, as an independent charity we have been able to show a surplus 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.

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 08/01/2024

and signed on its behalf by:



SARAH WESTLAKE TRUSTEE



Alun Williams

Trustee

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

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of **Retired Greyhounds Canterbury** for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1190386

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Last Year £
Receipts				
Donations	44,487	-	44,487	32,123
Gift Aid	2,870	-	2,870	1,922
Dogs In	0	-	0	3,400
Dogs Out	4,974	-	4,974	12,130
GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain)	20,800	-	20,800	44,400
Sales of Greyhound Equipment	1,674	-	1,674	1,692
	74,804	-	74,804	95,667
Investment income				
Bank Interest	86	-	86	2
Total receipts	74,890	-	74,890	95,669
Payments				
Charitable activities				
Kennelling	56,891	-	56,891	55,383
Veterinary	12,006	-	12,006	14,666
Purchases of Greyhound Equipment	1,210	-	1,210	1,482
Purchases of Goods for Resale	1,000	-	1,000	72
Branch Equipment	727	-	727	1,948
Volunteer expenses	281	-	281	194
RGC Vehicle expenses	1,524	-	1,524	1,348
Insurance	497	-	497	497
Bank Charges	72	-	72	171
GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain)	2,100	-	2,100	12,900
	76,307	-	76,307	88,661
Total payments	76,307	-	76,307	88,661
Net of receipts/payments	-1,417	-	-1,417	7,008
Cash funds last year end	46,024	-	46,024	46,024
Cash funds this year end	44,607	-	44,607	47,056

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY

CHARITY NO 1190386

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Last Year £
ASSETS				
Cash funds				
CAF Cash A/c	34,468	-	34,468	33,523
CAF Gold A/c	12,587	-	12,587	12,501
Unbanked cheques				
Dogs In	-	-	-	200
Dogs Out	-	-	-	325
Donations	-	-	-	125
Gift Aid				
Via HMRC	835	-	835	785
Via CAF	-	-	-	12
	<u>47,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,891</u>	<u>47,471</u>
LIABILITIES				
Kennelling				
March 2023	5,001	-	5,001	5,001
Veterinary				
March 2023	956	-	956	-
	<u>5,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,957</u>	<u>5,001</u>

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

Signature



Print Name

SARAH WESTLAKE.

Signature

Print Name

Date of Approval
