

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE022510 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1190386

REPORT OF THE
TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY

Prepared by

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REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1190386

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RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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 1-JL

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.

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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

In addition to making sure that the proper procedures are in place to offer a reasonable level of assurance against fraud and error, the trustees have a responsibility to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed. These responsibilities are fulfilled by an independent examination of our annual report and accounts, a frequent evaluation of our risk assessment processes, ongoing monitoring, and appropriate action where necessary. Generally, trustee meetings take place frequently throughout the year.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The trustees use the Charity Commission's recommendations on public benefit when organising the charity's operations. The trustees specifically consider how scheduled activities will support the charity's goals and objectives.

In addition to advocating for the humane treatment of greyhounds and increasing public awareness of them, our purpose also includes providing essential care and safety for the dogs that are brought into our care while they are looking for new homes.

Our goal is to rehome such greyhounds when it is feasible and to give suitable care, protection, treatment, and security for greyhounds that require it due to illness, abuse, bad conditions, or retirement from the racing industry. Also 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

Every person connected to the charity rose to the challenges of finding new homes for the greyhounds within the fiscal year 2023—2024. The rising cost of living for all parties involved—including prospective adoptees—made this increasingly challenging. Our events team volunteers attended Pawfest, Greyfest, Paws in the Park, Staple Dog Show, Stowting County Fayre and Dog Show, Applause for Paws, Ickham

County Fayre, Chestfield Fun Day, Quex Park Kent County Show, Lord Whisky Fun Day, a quiz night and Deal Primary School during this time and as well as in the summer of 24. Additionally, over 20 monthly walks, were held to raise awareness of the charity's rehoming side and to increase donations. Furthermore, we are also honoured to be a part of The Pets Foundation Charity, who allow us to partake in awareness days at their local Pets at Home premises. All of this hard work resulted in fifty-eight dogs being rehomed from April 2023 to March 2024. 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 re-homing part of the organisation.

FUTURE PLANS

Preserving the charity's finances is a top priority for the upcoming fiscal year.

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We will keep looking into and building relationships with companies that have previously sponsored RGC in addition to exploring other sources of income.

The charity maintains £2864.53 in a separate account as contingency reserve funds.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has, for financial prudence and by mutual agreement with the kennels, reduced the number of dogs directly in the care of the charity. This has aided us in maintaining our financial stability and carrying on with the retired greyhounds who come to us for re-homing.

Our primary sources of funding include homing donations made by new owners at the time of adoption, as well as income fees linked to each greyhound, which will going forward also be supported by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain because we are one of their certified homing centres.

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,

Our capacity and approach for fundraising are still being developed, Our priorities still include developing direct relationships with individuals and groups within the community and creating excellent presentation materials. Additionally, we will continue our relationship with Pets at Home Stores in Ashford and Sittingbourne to maintain our status as preferred charity partners,

The charity's contingency reserve fund was originally set up in case of exceptional veterinary fees for any individual dog that came into our care. This was to ensure that any dog could receive treatment if needed without finances restricting the provision of required care and treatment, thereby not compromising the health and wellbeing of dogs in the care of the charity.

Additionally, to make sure:

- RGC has sufficient funds to meet its obligations as they fall due
- RGC can allow for contingencies which may arise — such as:
 - 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.

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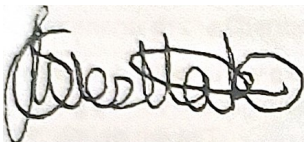
Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable charity for that 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 charity 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 charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

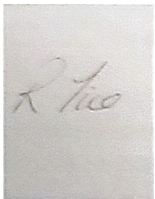
Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Sarah-Jayne Westlake Trustee



Date 05/01/2025

Robert Tice - Trustee



Date 05/01/2025

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

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Retired Greyhounds Canterbury for the year ended 31 March 2024

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 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 45(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: Mrs Jennifer Sherwood FCA

Address: 29 Cherry Orchard, Chestfield, Kent, CT5 3NH

Date: 27 Jan 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted funds	<u>Total</u> funds <u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> 2023
Receipts				
Donations	46,268		46,268	44,487
Fundraising	245		245	
Gift aid	2,496		2,496	2,870
Dogs in				
Dogs out	4,018		4,018	4,973
GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain)	16,000		16,000	20,800
Sales of Greyhound Equipment	<u>71,010</u>		<u>71,010</u>	1,674
	276		276	74,804
Investment income				
Bank interest ⁸⁶	<u>71,293</u>		<u>71,293</u>	
Payments				
Charitable activities				
Kennelling	62,691		62,691	56,891
Veterinary	6,012		6,012	12,005
Purchases of Greyhound Equipment	766		766	1,210
Purchases of goods for resale	335		335	1,000
Branch equipment	612		612	727
Volunteer expenses	15		15	281
Costs for maintenance	835		835	

RGC Vehicle expenses	556	556	1,524
Insurance	497	497	497
Bank charges	60	60	72
GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain)	200	200	2.100
	180	180	

Total receipts 74,890

Repayments

Total payments	72,759	72,759	76,307
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Cash funds Last year end	31/03/2023	47,055	47,055	48,472
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Net of receipts / payments 1,466,146,147

Cash funds this year end 31/03/2024 45,589 45,589 47,055 RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds	funds
	S	2024	2023	

Assets

Cash funds

CAF Cash A/c 32,726 32,726 34,468 CAF Gold A/c 12,863 12,863 12,587

Gift aid

1,196

1,196

835

Total assets

46,785

-

46,785

47,890

Liabilities

Kennelling

March 2024

5,870

-

5,870

5,001

Veterinary

956

851

-

851

956

2024

Total payments

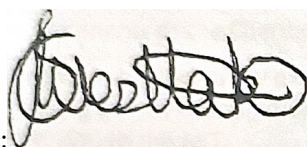
6,721

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6,721

5,957


Sign on behalf of the trustees of the board on_____



Signature:_____

Date: 31/01/2025_____

Print name: Sarah Westlake_____



Signature: _____

Date; 31/01/2025_____

Print name: Robert Tice_____