

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day05	Month05	Year2020		Day05	Month05	Year2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	DOGS FOR HEALTH
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1191801
Charity's principal address	26 Kendrick Close WESTBURY WILTSHIRE Postcode BA13 3QT

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	JAMES LEWIS	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES		
2	AMY WOOD	TRUSTEE		
3	ANN SWIFT	TRUSTEE		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
AS ABOVE	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
NONE AT THIS TIME		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

DOGS FOR HEALTH is governed by a Constitution as laid out during its formation. The Constitution uses the Charity Commission standard template and was revised in April 2021

How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The charity is an association as per the guidance of the charity Commission
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Initial selection was the three Trustees who formed the charity. The charity plans to run in this form for two years with elections in March 2022 to form the new board of Trustees. In 2022-23 however there was not any uptake in new trustees and the charity remains a three trustee charity as per its original set up. James was again voted in as chair of trustees for a third year.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	During the forming phase of the charity the original policies and procedures will be maintained. The Trustees will meet on a regular basis and review progress in the initial two-year formation term of the charity. The charity will seek to align itself with the working arrangements of partners, namely local doctors’ surgeries, the NHS and other charity groups that support the client group of the charity DOGS FOR HEALTH Partnerships will be formed, and methods of working documents drawn up when partnerships are considered. Including partnership with Alzheimer’s UK branches in Warminster, Trowbridge and Devizes. Wiltshire Council have become a regular partner in relation to weekly visits and fund raising events on behalf of the charity by the council. Help for Heros and three local doctors surgeries are forming partnerships to support the charity to develop into PTSD by end of 2023 The partnerships forming include two Members of Parliament and several Ambulance Service organisations. Five new council requests for membership of the service have been received and by September 2023 these will come on board.
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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	To support people who are in need regardless of their age, disability, health or social circumstances. Particularly but not exclusively by the provision of pets and their volunteer owners or carers visiting individuals’ homes or visiting public places such as hospitals, workplaces, care and nursing homes and schools. To share learning and resources. We will do this by: 1. a) Organising pets to visit private homes, workplaces or public venues/spaces. 2. b) Providing training and education sessions. 3. c) Sharing resources and research findings.
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During 2023-24 the charity continues to offer the following

Paws at the door, a service providing free home visits and visits to care homes and hospitals etc. These visits are free at point of contact and continue to be the bulk of the work delivered by the charity. Each patient has an initial six week assessment and visits session followed by revaluation for further visits.

Pawamedics service, a fund raising part of the charity where the dogs and handlers deliver group work sessions in business and wider community, a donation is obtained which is used to fund the ongoing work of the charity and negates the need to fund raise by traditional methods.

Search Dog Unit. PTSD patients traditionally refuse help but are happy to work alongside the charity to train and operate search dogs.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Dogs for Health is seeking to align itself with local vets practices and to support the health and wellbeing of animals as well as supporting the community. In 2023 we continued to develop links with groups such as pets for vets and encouraged our volunteers to receive training in animal first aid.

Volunteers continue to develop their practice, we focused on mental health and delivered this in person alongside online learning and support to access further training as volunteers wish to meet patients with different conditions such as end of life.

2023 our predicted spending is rising as we take on more volunteers, the charity now funds all the costs of support and also DBS and other checks. WE subsidise uniform and now cover travel to certain locations.

Our website has been an issue during this year as we try to adapt to the changes the trustees have put in place, the site needs some work and the challenge is to develop this further over the coming year so that in 2024 we can have a new web presence and also a Youtube presence..

The target in 2023-24 is to further expand the services of Paws at the Door and other parts of the charity, to work on branding and by the end of the period to have new branding and IT to bring us into the future.

The trustees have plans to recruit a further three trustees by April 2024 and this will involve some PR and local events presence to make this work

Section D

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Fund raising for training was boosted by Social Care TV awarding us a prize of 600 course credits for our volunteers.

Good connections with local support networks continue to grow, these connections have allowed us to receive grants from a local council and to be included in events within the community.

The web presence is to be a major project that will involve a new site built from the ground upwards. WE have meetings planned to look at Apps and to continue to increase how we promote the therapy dog theme within the community.

To continue the assemblies, provide support in classrooms and to explore the wider community in which the charity operates, guides, scouts, beavers and cubs to name a few. To maintain a presence in the town and start to promote our work through dog shows in association with the local councils.

The PTSD project has been presented to the member of parliament responsible for Veterans and this has now grown into the army requesting regular visits in support of the training of the Ukraine army.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

2023-24 increased revenue and also increased costs, the charity account shows us increased bank balance of an additional £1,935 at the end of the year, this comes despite increased insurance cover, DBS costs and training costs. The purchase of new equipment and signage. Our reserve stands at in excess of £5,000 at the year end

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NIL deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sponsorship via text to donate, QR code donations, donations from business in return for well-being visits will be the main source of income unless funding is secured for projects. The charity has regular income from school and care home visits, Paws at the door continues to be free but the Pawamedics has increased income by its visits

Expenditure continues to be focused on the development plan for the growth of DFH at events and to this extent we have purchased new boards, chairs, gazebo, signage and other resources. New logos, clothing for special events and clothing to sell have been designed as well.

New insurance in 2023-24 focused on increasing public liability, insurance for Trustees and accident insurance for volunteers. Online training now accounts for over £1000 a year of expenditure.

Section F Other optional information**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	James Lewis	Amy Wood
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	01/04/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name DOGS FOR HEALTH 1191801	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.04.2022	To	31.03.2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	3,600	-	-	3,600	-
INVOICED WORK	1,570	-	-	1,570	-
VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,170	-	-	5,170	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,170	-	-	5,170	-
A3 Payments					
PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE	324	-	-	324	-
EVENTS	290	-	-	290	-
EQUIPMENT	750	-	-	750	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,364	-	-	1,364	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
LAPTOP, MOBILE PHONE, DISPLAY BOARDS, SIGNAGE, PRINTED MATERIALS	790	-	-	790	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	790	-	-	790	-
Total payments	2,154	-	-	2,154	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,016	-	-	3,016	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,016	-	-	3,016	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	NIL ASSETS	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	NIL ASSETS		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	NIL ASSETS		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	NIL ASSETS		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			JAMES LEWIS	4/1/2023
			AMY WOOD	4/1/2023