



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/11/22 Period start date To 31/10/23 Period end date

Charity name: Doodle Rescue

Charity registration number: 1193955

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Doodle Rescue is for the benefit of the public, to relieve the suffering of dogs, in particular poodle-cross dogs, in need of care and attention. Specifically, by placing such dogs into foster homes whilst suitable permanent homes are found for them or other suitable facilities for their reception, care and treatment.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Our primary activity is to rescue poodle cross dogs ("doodles") either from situations where they have been abandoned or from families who no longer want them/ cannot cater for their needs. This can be for many reasons – a change in circumstances for the family (eg illness/ change of employment status/ new baby/ marriage breakdown) or the doodle has health or behavioural issues (commonly resource guarding), and the family cannot cope or feel that it may be a threat to their family dynamic if they keep the dog. These are often very sad situations as owners generally don't wish to give up their much-loved pet, but feel they have no alternative. We support those families while finding out as much as we can about the doodle which we then place into a carefully vetted foster home to assess them. This assessment will often involve vets and behaviourists as well as the foster family to ensure we find them the most suitable "forever home". We maintain a Facebook page so that new owners can update our ever-increasing doodle family. This is also a place where we can launch fund raisers and appeal for both foster and permanent homes.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have operated within the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Sadly, in this financial year we have seen an increased number of doodles who have been given up by families due to serious behavioural issues. Even with extensive rehabilitation, it isn't always possible to rehome these doodles as we rehome to families where there could be a potential risk of harm. We sometimes have to suggest alternative options to owners but due to a large donation this year we have been able to provide some of these cases that have been turned away by other rescues, with extensive and long-term rehabilitation so that they can safely be rehomed.
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Additional information

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We have a very small team of volunteers at any one time – less than five, who cover all aspects of what we do. This includes governance, financials, fund raising, contracts, correspondence, as well as our core operation of rescuing doodles, vetting foster homes and finding forever homes after extensive checks. We may liaise with behaviourists, vets, kennels, other rescues and dog wardens. We have rehomed over 60 doodles in this financial year as well as offered advice on countless others to hopefully prevent them from being rehomed and we provide ongoing support to any family who adopts one of our doodles. This is a massive ask of our volunteers who do an amazing job. Also our fosterers who are also volunteers and who are absolutely crucial in the early days when a doodle may be quite traumatised and in need of huge amounts of love and support to start them on their recovery journey, as well as playing a major role in the assessment of the doodles in their care to enable us to ensure the dogs' needs will be met in their adoptive homes.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Doodle Rescue was incredibly fortunate in receiving a massive £10,000 donation from the charitable sector recruitment specialists, Charity Job. This enabled us to offer support to doodles that we may have had to direct elsewhere, simply because we have neither the manpower nor the financial capacity to assist. Indeed, many of these doodles had been turned away by other dog rescues. We were able to donate towards the purchase of a kennel for our behavioural advisor and IMDT accredited trainer so that we can quickly rescue doodles with uncertain or unknown histories without having to first find a suitable foster home. We know for sure that in some cases, these doodles would have been PTS as there was no suitable alternative for them. We also used the donation to support some particularly challenging doodles – for example Goldendoodle Banjo who was at risk of being PTS who we funded on a long-term rehabilitation programme from which he was successfully rehomed with Doodle Rescue support; Mango – another goldendoodle who was locked in a kitchen supposedly suffering from sleep aggression and after round the clock rehabilitation for 8 months was successfully adopted; 7 year old Sam with a bite history who was rescued from an abusive home and needed extensive rehabilitation; and 5 year old labradoodle Wilson who needed extensive vet treatment for Spondylosis which was diagnosed whilst in foster. We also fund raised to support the very challenging rescue and long-term rehabilitation of two dumped young female Irish Doodles Eliza and Lorca who all of our members took to their hearts and who were both eventually rehomed by their fosterers. Their rescue was a huge operation involving multiple rescue organisations, specialist transport teams, vets, and some amazing volunteers. Both dogs were in a dreadful state but are now thriving in their new homes.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our accounts at the end of the financial year show that we have a balance of £50,258 compared to an opening balance of £44,268. A large part of our income of £46,729 was from one large donation of £10,000 – excluding this our income was at a similar level to the previous year. Expenses at £40,739 evidence that we only had a small surplus for the year of £5,990. Without the large donation we would have either used up some of our reserves or had to limit our activity as we would have had a deficit rather than a surplus.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold reserves as we cannot predict what doodles we have at any one time and how much financial support each will require. When a dog needs rescuing it needs to be done immediately and the associated costs are pretty well unknown. To enable us to do this and have such happy outcomes (for example Eliza and Lorca) we will hold reserves while we are in a position to do so.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£50, 282
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Our financial position this year looks very healthy but was boosted by a one-off donation of £10,000. We need to be mindful of increasing costs of, for example - insurance, vet fees, transport costs, behaviourist and training costs, groomers, dog food and other necessary provisions. Additionally, fund raising is becoming increasingly challenging as our members suffer the impact of the current cost of living crisis. Most of the doodles we are being contacted to support with require some sort of rehabilitation and/ or vet treatment, all of which is expensive. This is at a time when the number of dogs being relinquished is increasing. We have to review each doodle that we are approached about to ensure that we have sufficient financial resource to cope with the unexpected as well as the known costs.

Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Most of our funds come from adoption fees when a doodle finds its forever home, as well as donations.
		Risks we face are manpower (we

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	operate with a very small team of volunteers and have no employees). Also, financial costs – eg vets, rehabilitation costs, behaviourist costs. We rely on being able to find good foster homes for our doodles and this is becoming increasingly challenging.
Other		It is worth reiterating that none of volunteers, trustees, administrators nor fosterers receive any payment for their time. Fosterers are reimbursed for expenses incurred but often do not claim.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Doodle Rescue's governing document is our submission made to the Charity Commission regarding our objectives when we first became a charity.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	We have 3 trustees who were founding members of the Rescue prior to becoming a registered charity.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Doodle Rescue
Other name the charity uses	Formerly known as Doodles For Rehoming UK
Registered charity number	1193955
Charity's principal address	Lytchett House, 13 Freeland Park, Wareham Road, Poole, Dorset BH16 6FA

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	Susan Green	Trustee (Lead)		
2	Hannah Durnin	Trustee		
3	Catherine Marsden	Trustee		
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Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Paul Marsden	The Bungalow, 1b Deaconsfield Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP3 9HY
Independent Accountant	L N Summerson	A42, Arena Business Centre, 9 Nimrod Way, Ferndown Industrial Estate, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 7UH

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Susan Green	Hannah Durnin
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee	Trustee
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Date

05/05/2024

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Accounts For the Period Ended 31st October 2023

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