



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/11/23
Period end date

Period start date To 31/10/24

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 while suitable permanent homes are found for them.
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 behavioural issues (commonly resource guarding but could also be bite incidents or health issues), 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 prior to placing them with their adoptive family. 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 for particular dogs with high cost needs (eg surgery) 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.

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	We have a very small team of volunteers at any one time who cover all aspects of what we do. This includes governance, financials, fund raising, contracts, correspondence, complaint handling, as well as the core operation of rescuing doodles, vetting foster homes and finding forever homes after extensive checks. The core operation falls mainly to one Trustee, Susan Green, who increasingly is providing a mentoring service to those who contact us for whatever reason – thinking of giving up a doodle, fosterers, adopters, past and future owners.... The list is extensive and ever-growing and makes a massive difference to those people. In some cases, it enables a family to keep a much-loved doodle and in most cases where a doodle is given up we find that the fosterers will adopt that very same doodle because they have been so well-matched and so much work is put into ensuring the process runs smoothly. Increasingly we are finding that we are involved in the rescue of abandoned doodles and taking into care doodles with serious health issues that could potentially be euthanised. These doodles require even more extensive support involving bringing together a wide network of specialists and volunteers to support both the doodle in question and the families that volunteer to take them into foster and subsequently adopt them. There will often be associated fund raising activities for these very special doodles to cover vet and behaviourist costs. One such doodle that touched the hearts of all our Members is Maddie. Maddie came to us from a breeder and was born blind. She is a truly beautiful doodle both inside and out, and with the support of specialist vets, behavioural advisors providing very individualised training and an amazing foster family this little lady is leading a full and happy life. Her most recent adventure was a sponsored walk to raise funds for Doodle Rescue. Support for her and her family is ongoing and will continue throughout her life- family mentoring, behavioural and veterinary support will enable to lead the full and fulfilling life that she deserves.

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 £52,515,83 compared to an opening balance of £50,258. We were able to cover all of our expenses from donations and adoption fees so maintained our reserves intact.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Many of the doodles such as Maddie with lifelong health conditions will have a contingency fund put in place for them on adoption. This will support the dog's new family with future vet bills, ensuring that they will receive the best possible care going forward without being a financial burden to the family. Whilst we will put a limit on the fund, we need to be able to support these and other doodles and we are unable to predict when or how much support is needed. Although we will try to fundraise where we can for specific dogs, this rarely realises the amount needed to cover expensive vet bills. Additionally, we are seeing dogs in foster for longer periods of time which is costly. This financial year we helped 49 dogs compared to the previous year's 72 – and yet our foster costs were almost identical.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£52,515
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We have a very small bank of volunteers, and most of our work is from one person only – Susan Green. With the increase in the “special needs” dogs we are seeing, Sue's time is spread very thin, and the work encroaches onto her daily life and is mentally exhausting. We need to find a way to address this and support Sue to continue to provide the unique mentoring service that makes Doodle Rescue such a success and allows us to offer a chance for doodles that have often been turned away from all other rescues. A further uncertainty is that we are almost a victim of our own success. Unlike other foster-based rescue charities, we don't have a large bank of foster homes – we source each foster home individually, based on the specific needs of the doodle. This means that most doodles are adopted by the same family that fosters them, but that means that we constantly need to find new foster homes and the doodle tends to remain in foster for a longer time while we support with the immediate and often complex health and behavioural issues presented. In this financial year we had a complaint from an owner giving up her doodle who subsequently changed her mind. We always act in the best interests of the dog and in this case the foster to adopt home was far safer than the original home. This case went to Small Claims Court and was dismissed but this sort of action takes up so much time and causes so much stress for our small, dedicated team. The doodle in question is leading a happy life and the previous owner finally accepted that they had made the right decision and made peace with that.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
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 registered 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
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		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Paul Marsden	1b Deaconsfield Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9HY
Independent Accountant	Will Bailey-O'Neill	A42, Arena Business Centre, 9 Nimrod Way, Ferndown Industrial Estate, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 7UH

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

n/a

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Sue Green

Hannah Durnin

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Trustee

Date

26th May 2025

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Accounts For the Period Ended 31st October 2024

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Receipts & Payments Accounts For the Period Ended 31st October 2024

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations		18004
Adoption Fees		10493
Bank Interest		<u>464</u>
		28961
<u>Payments</u>		
Specialist/ Rehab Costs	10428	
Veterinary Fees	8070	
Foster Expenses	5155	
Paypal Charges	325	
Office Expenses	1845	
Sundry Expenses	695	
Independent Examination Fee	<u>186</u>	
		<u>26704</u>
<u>SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD</u>		<u>2257</u>

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities As At 31st October 2024

Current assets

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Represented By:- ACCUMULATED FUND

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