



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 10/01/2022

Period start date To 31/12/2022

Period end date

Charity name:

Alexa,s Canine Trust

Charity registration number: 1199089

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care and attention and to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals. To relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention , through the provision of grants and services for the reception, care and treatment of such animals.
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	The charity maintains its attention on dogs and other animals that needs its help most whether that be by rescuing and rehoming or awarding grants for veterinary costs to enable the animals to remain in loving 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 declare that the charity is run with due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. All guidance documents issued by the CC have been distributed to Trustees and agreed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity has a policy regarding grant giving.
	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is volunteer led with no paid employees. During 2022 the charity had approx. 13-15 volunteers who took on a variety of roles including rescuing and rehoming, retail and fundraising. Their contribution to the charity is invaluable.
Other		

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	<p>Coming out of the aftermath of Covid and starting a new charity has been no mean feat.</p> <p>Together with starting the charity and its associated legal requirements we were simultaneously thrust into a world with more dogs and their owners needing our help. Consequently, we not only became a rescue but an advice service in the belief that it was better to keep dogs with their owners if possible. This meant establishing new relationships with local vets and other local bodies which asked for our help. In order to fund our work, we opened another in the fishing/holiday village of Amble. This proved to be very popular with locals and tourists alike and as a result we saw a steady income develop. Added to this we also carried out fundraising events including pop up cafes, attendance at local shows and street collections.</p> <p>Five dogs were rescued and rehomed with a further 5 being placed into permanent foster homes. These dogs are fully supported until end of life. We gave out grants totally just under £2k in order to help owners on low incomes pay vets fees, as well as spending just under £4.5k on further vets' fees. We also provided pet food to Amble and Wooler foodbanks on a regular basis.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As already stated, the charity was only set up at the beginning of 2022 with Charity status issued in May 2022. However, the Trustees are happy to report that by the end of the first year of operation the charity had approx. £19K of cash assets to carry over into 2023.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity does not at present have a formal policy on reserves but constantly monitors its reserves to ensure they are sufficient for at least 6-8 months continued operation.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£19k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal funding comes from the income of our two shops and fundraising which is carried out throughout the year.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
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	By appointment by the existing Board of Trustees. All appointed Trustees must meet eligibility criteria as laid out in the charity's constitution.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ALEXA'S CANINE TRUST
Other name the charity uses	ACT
Registered charity number	1199089
Charity's principal address	4 LACEY ST LONGHOUGHTON NE663AH

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	ALEXA NISBET	TRASURER		
2	CAROLE GREEN	SECRETARY		
3	BRIDGET KOHLER			
4	SHEILA GRAHAM			
5	IRIS BUTLER			
6	BRIDIE BENNET			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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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)	CAROLE LYN GREEN	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date		

INCOME

Donations	£4,000.00
Events	£1,000.00
Adoptions	£1,500.00
Retail	£66,000.00
Grants	£2,500.00
Gift aid	£2,000.00

TOTAL	£77,000.00
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EXPENDITURE

Vets	£10,000.00
Grants	£10,000.00
Insurance	£2,500.00
Electric	£1,000.00
Water	£300.00
Dog food	£1,500.00
Van	£1,000.00
Shop Expenses	£1,500.00
Misc	£500.00
IT	£250.00
Rent	£20,400.00
PR	£1,000.00

£49,950.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

ALEXA'S CANINE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31-12-22

Charity no
(if any)

1199089

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Julia Laverdier

Date:

28/10/2023

Name:

JULIA LAVERDIER

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

12, High Newton Farm Cottages
Newton by the Sea
NE86 3ED

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.