



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 TO 31/12/2023

**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.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is volunteer led with no paid employees. During 2023 the charity saw an increase in volunteers. The charity now has 25 volunteers who take on a variety of roles including rescuing and rehoming, retail and fundraising. They contributed approximately 11000 man hours in 2023. Their contribution to the charity is immeasurable. Added to this we have a knit and natter group who knits items for us to sell, plus around 6 people who collect donations for our shops from family and friends in their area. During 2023 one of our original Trustees, Mrs Sheila Graham resigned. Her help in setting up and working for the charity was invaluable and for which the charity was and is extremely grateful.
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>During 2023 we still felt the aftermath of Covid and the downturn in the economy with more people coming to us asking for our help.</p> <p>We have continued to offer advice on pet care, but we have also seen a rise in the numbers of people coming to us with mental health issues.</p> <p>Consequently, we have worked with social services and primary health care professionals to provide the best solution, not only for their pets but their owners. Where possible we have also sign posted owners to other charities which could offer help and support i.e. food banks, Samaritans etc.</p> <p>We have continued to consolidate our relationships with local vets which is proving to be beneficial to all parties involved.</p> <p>We have two profitable shops, one in Wooler and one in Amble. Both shops did well during 2023 and provided the charity with a steady income stream. We also carry out fundraising events including, attendance at local shows organising dog shows and street collections.</p> <p>7 dogs were rescued and rehomed. We had 7 dogs in permanent foster homes.</p>

		<p>These dogs are deemed too old or have medical conditions that do not support adoption. These dogs are fully supported until end of life.</p> <p>We provided approx. £11K of veterinary support via individual requests/foster support. We also provided pet food to several foodbanks, the main focus being the Amble Food Bank.</p> <p>Because of the increased wet weather during 2023, 3 local animal charities were struggling to provide food and shelter for their animals. We were in a position to provide some financial (£1400) assistance to alleviate the problem.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	One of our priorities for 2023 was to increase our visibility within the area which we believed we have done as we have saw requests for help increase. Our Facebook page reached over 1000 members in 2023 and it is still growing.
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	The Trustees are happy to report that by the end of 2023 the charity had a balance of approx. £30K of cash assets to carry over into 2023. We believe this stands us in good stead to provide increased assistance during 2024.
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	£30K
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	SHEILA GRAHAM		Jan 2023 – July 2023	
4	IRIS BUTLER			
5	BRIDIE BENNET			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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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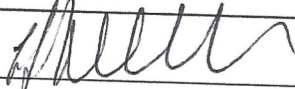
Other optional information

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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	20.9.2024.	

EXPENDITURE

REFUND	£200.00
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£19,278.13

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£29,849.04

2023 YEAR

BALANCE



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

ALEXA'S CANINE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

2023

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

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:

K. Potts

Date:

19th Sept 2024

Name:

KATHRYN HELEN POTTS

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

B.Sc. Nuthin

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High Newton by the Sea
Alnwick NE66 3DH

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.