



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	19	05	2023		31	03	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

**Doggy Dens UK Rescue**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1203163**

Charity's principal address

Shireoaks Hill Farm

Cuckney

Nottinghamshire

Postcode

**NG20 9NW**

### 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	Denise Akbani	Overall Manager on Site of Kennels		
2	Karen Carter	Homecheck Assistant		
3	Denise Ramsell		From 19 May 2023 until 1 May 2024	
4	Linda Turner	Accountant	From 1 May 2024	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Business Advisor	D. Fear	Notts County Council

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

Miss J. Sheldon – Kennel Training Lead

Mr D. Hill – Independent Examiner

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Foundation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Trustees themselves

### 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.

In addition to the objectives set out in the Charity Commission, the three trustees oversee the day to day running of the charity and supporting the kennels.

The charity offers a project, which enables volunteers to support our staff in caring for resident dogs.

Health and Safety, Fire and Manual Handling policies are in place and provided to all staff and volunteers along with the appropriate training, guidance and induction programme.

Regular, planned team meetings take place with the kennel staff. The kennel manager decides on the overall care, delivery of training needs, nutritional needs and wellbeing of the individual dogs in our care.

Training and handling of all dogs is discussed in detail and daily summaries are shared between staff and volunteers to enable continuation of quality care.

We have links with on-site trainers and sign posting options with trainers for continuation of our work.

We also have links with canine nutritionists for advice surrounding health and well being for each dog. Trustee, Denise Akbani is a member of the Raw Pet Medics group.

Wider networks – we work with Pawpers in the Ruff, in Macedonia and have connections in Romania with one rescue correspondent. We have a UK rescue Vet that refers dogs to us that are possibly rehomingable.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

## Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote humane behaviour towards dogs, both in the UK and for dogs from Macedonia and Romania by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, safe shelter and security for dogs in need of care by reason of mistreatment, abandonment, poor circumstances, or ill usage.

To actively seek homes for rescued animals and advance public understanding of dog welfare by providing training support to adopters.

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The main activities are as follows:

- The introduction of a more detailed application form and home checking system for potential adopters;
- A full training programme has been written with the help of our trainers, which provides further information regarding rescuing a dog;
- Providing the opportunity to engage with our trainers on a 1-2-1 basis soon after adoption;
- Pre-adoption screening has become more in-depth and intense discussions surrounding possible scenarios are discussed prior to adoption;
- Full support to adopters is always provided on an ongoing basis; and
- A dual microchipping service is always implemented to keep track of all the dogs with an admin support check in service which is gradually reduced to annually at an appropriate timescale.

These activities benefit the public by developing their knowledge and understanding of dog welfare and provides them with the skills and confidence to train their dog and provides companionship.

These activities also benefit our staff and volunteers by developing their self-confidence, knowledge and social skills; dealing with members of the public, social media and attending fundraising events.

## 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)

## 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.

Volunteers are vital to our rescue, not only for the smooth running of our back up kennels but also continuing the cycle of rescue and support.

We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent working for the rescue. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During this first year of becoming a charity we have successfully continued to re-home over 500+ dogs which includes those from overseas and the UK, with one dog becoming an assistance dog and another being accepted into the Prison service as a scent working dog.

This is the first year the Charity has been operational and during this time we have raised £39.5k in donations which has enabled us to achieve the following:

- Recruit 1 full time and 2 part time members of staff.
- Improvements to the kennels have been made including installing heating; electrics upgraded; roof repairs and new doors fitted
- concrete slabs have been laid to the outside runs, which ensures more usability in all weathers
- Outdoor living areas created for long term resident dogs
- A cabin has been erected to create a living space for transition to adoption
- Play area upgraded to enhance mental stimulation for all the dogs
- Improved the pre-adoption criteria and screening has been implemented
- We run social media campaigns
- An online merchandise store has been created to promote National awareness of our charity
- We have set up quick PayPal donations account
- Local Press releases to promote our work have been published.

The funding has also enabled us to create two outdoor areas:

- Billy's Bungalow and
- Syds Chalet

These are for the longer resident stays and provide a sanctuary life style for those dogs that are a little more challenging to rehome.

### Fundraising Events

We have attended several fundraising events to promote local awareness of the charity, to enlist support and recognition. We also run monthly auctions on our website generating valuable funding. The Buddies Club membership has been created which provides us with regular monthly contributions which aid with future financial planning and members feel included in the charity. Members receive a monthly newsletter and a chance of a gift which includes merchandise and dog related items.

### Website

A website has been created and hosted to promote public awareness and provide information. Details of the charity work can be found on here and a list of available dogs for adoption can also be viewed. An understanding of the work undertaken by the charity is vital for further support. Currently we have over 12,000 followers on social media.

### Macedonia

Trips to Macedonia have been followed on Social Media platforms which promote our cause and to connect with public support.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank at 31.3.3024 was £9k in unrestricted funds.

The main financial risk to the charity is reduction in donations, as these are the only form of funding received.

The funds are held to cover 2 months of operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

### 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.

Our main source of funding this year has come from voluntary contributions boosted by Gift Aid which has provided much needed financial support and has enabled the charity to succeed in our first year.

We use the funding to pay the main costs incurred which are staff costs and providing the dogs with a healthy diet and any supplements that are required.

We have no restricted funds.

## Section F

## Other optional information

### Future Plans:

During next year we will

- continue rehoming dogs from overseas and the UK
- Connect with local businesses and companies in order to support us financially
- Raise further local awareness of our charity
- Develop an online Podcast to discuss our work
- Recruit further staff to alleviate staffing pressures
- Job Titles and roles to be further defined to enhance working policies

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	D. Akbani	L. Turner
	Denise Akbani	Linda Turner
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Manager	Accountant
Date	27.11.24	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

DOGGY DENS UK RESCUE

1203163

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

19.05.2023

To

31.03.2024

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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	39,588	-	-	39,588	-
Adoption Fees	16,900	-	-	16,900	-
Fundraising Events	3,192	-	-	3,192	-
Gift Aid Receipts	2,888	-	-	2,888	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>62,568</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,568</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>62,568</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,568</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries	25,609	-	-	25,609	-
Repairs & Maintenance to Kennels	10,092	-	-	10,092	-
General supplies, dog food etc	7,326	-	-	7,326	-
Vet Fees	4,236	-	-	4,236	-
Dog Transport Fees	2,626	-	-	2,626	-
Fundraising Fees	2,067	-	-	2,067	-
Donations Paid to Pawpers	1,440	-	-	1,440	-
Telephone	101	-	-	101	-
Paypal Fees	39	-	-	39	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>53,536</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,536</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>53,536</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,536</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,032</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,032</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>9,032</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,032</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	9,032	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	9,032	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Gift Aid Claims due (Oct to Mar)	5,764	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	n/a		-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Billy's Bungalow	unrestricted	-	-
	Sids Chalet	unrestricted	-	-
	Cabin / Office	unrestricted	-	-
	Outside runs and outside kennel	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Tax & N.I.	Unrestricted	4,922	
	Salaries for March	Unrestricted	3,893	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	D. Akbani	Denise Akbani	27.11.24	
	L. Turner	Linda Turner	27.11.24	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
DOGGY DENS UK RESCUE

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 MARCH 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1203163

Set out on pages

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(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 31/03/2024.

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 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:

Date: 13/01/25

Name:

David A Hill

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

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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.**