

# TAKING THE LEAD

England & Wales · Charity number 1205906

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-11-27

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS, EX-OFFENDERS AND THOSE AT RISK OF OFFENDING IN ORDER TO REDUCE RATES OF RE-OFFENDING AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF SAFER COMMUNITIES, THROUGH, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE PROVISION WITH ON-SITE KENNEL FACILITIES IN PRISONS TO ENABLE OFFENDERS TO RETRAIN, CARE FOR, AND REHABILITATE DOGS. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF OFFENDERS AND EX-OFFENDERS IN SCIENCE-BASED TRAINING TECHNIQUES AND SKILLS, DOG BEHAVIOUR WELFARE AND ETHOLOGY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTIVE ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR CHANGE WITHOUT VIOLENCE AND CONFRONTATION, PROMOTING INCREASED EMPATHY RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008]

**Activities:** To support released prisoners to set up their dog training businesses and continue in the educational field of dog training. To help to reduce the risk of reoffending via animal intervention and continued support throughout the sentence and release. To help to produce assistance dogs for people in need via working through the gate, with prisoners who have attended dog training courses.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,636	£3	-	-

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>RACHEL TRAFFORD</b>	Chair	2022-05-12
Dr Sarah Futcher		
Lesley Jayne Johnson		
Victoria Poole MRCVS		

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# Accounts

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial Year Ending 31 March 2025

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## Charity Information

### Registered Charity Name

Taking the Lead

### Charity Registration Number

1205906

### Financial Year End

31 March 2025

### Trustees

- L. Johnson
- V. Poole
- S. Trafford (formerly S. Fitcher)
- R. Trafford

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## Financial Summary

### Income

Date	Description	Amount
29 Feb 2024	Donation – Restart Dogs	£100.00
1 Mar 2024	Donation – Nick Hine	£100.00
22 Jul 2024	Dog Show – Royal Oak (TPL Training)	£840.00
29 Jul 2024	JustGiving online donation	£11.16
12 Aug 2024	Private donation	£100.00
14 Aug 2024	Private donation	£100.00
3 Sep 2024	Hine Fund charity event	£235.00
9 Sep 2024	JustGiving donations	£249.55
13 Sep 2024	Dog Show – TPL Training	£473.00
7 Nov 2024	Co-op Community Fund	£1,000.00
18 Nov 2024	Dog Show – Danesford Dog Training	£1,000.00
2 Dec 2024	JustGiving donation	£38.34
3 Mar 2025	Donation – Border Collie Club	£209.00
10 Mar 2025	Private donation – J. Craig	£180.00

	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£4,636.05</b>
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## Expenditure

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
10 May 2024	Travel expenses	£2.84
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£2.84</b>

## Summary

Total Income	£4,636.05
Total Expenditure	£2.84
<b>Net Funds at Year End (31 March 2025)</b>	<b>£4,633.21</b>

## Report on Charitable Activities

This has been a quieter year for Taking the Lead Charity due to personal demands on the trustees. Despite this, we are pleased to report meaningful progress in fulfilling our charitable objectives.

Through the generosity of our supporters—including community dog shows organised by TPL Dog Training and Danesford Dog Training, online donations via JustGiving, private donations, and a grant from the Co-op Community Fund—the charity successfully raised sufficient funds to purchase two Labrador puppies.

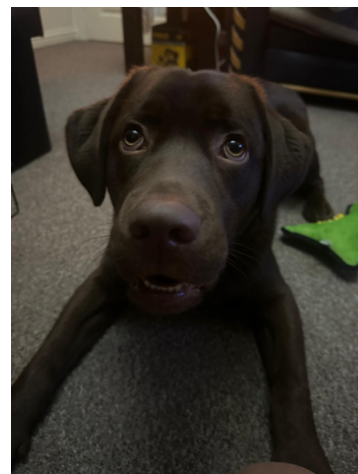
### Puppies Purchased

Using the funds raised during this financial year, two Labrador puppies—**Che** and **Petra**—were purchased in June 2025 at a cost of £1,200 each. They have now commenced their training at HMP Fosseway as part of the Restart Dogs canine-assisted rehabilitation programme.

Both puppies are making excellent progress and, upon completion of their 18-month training journey, are destined to become assistance dogs for Bravehound, a charity supporting Armed Forces veterans in Scotland.



*Che – in training at HMP Fosseway*



*Petra – future assistance dog*

## Achievement

While activity levels were reduced this year, the ability to fund two future assistance dogs represents a significant achievement and demonstrates the ongoing impact of the charity's work in supporting both veterans and prisoner rehabilitation.

### Looking Ahead

The trustees remain committed to the charity's mission and look forward to resuming fuller activities when circumstances allow.

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## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_