



Annual

General Meeting

2025

Our Mission Statement



‘Richmond Exotics exists to protect, rehabilitate, and rehome exotic animals while empowering communities through education, advocacy, and compassionate care. We champion welfare standards, challenge misinformation, and build inclusive pathways for responsible ownership and lifelong support.’

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Our Charitable Purposes



- **To relieve the suffering** of exotic animals through rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming, prioritising welfare and long-term wellbeing.
- **To advance education** by providing accessible, accurate information on exotic animal care and ownership responsibilities.

To promote animal welfare by advocating for best practices, supporting regulatory compliance, and reducing harm caused by impulse buying or misinformation.

- **To foster community engagement** through outreach programmes, and inclusive experiences that connect people with animals and each other.
- **To support sustainable ownership** by developing tools, assessments, and guidance that help individuals make informed, lifelong commitments to exotic pets.



Activities and Achievements

What have we been up to this year!?

Activities and Achievements

Building a Community

- Our networking and peer support journeys help us to reach others doing similar brilliant work in the community.
- To promote working together, not against each other.
- Whether it's another rescue, a vet practice, a reptile shop or anything in between, all of us working together gives a more holistic approach to animal welfare, and the animals benefit!



Activities and Achievements

Direct Rehomes

- The rescue has been at capacity for most of this year.
- Our work doesn't stop because of it!
- Although they are never our first choice, direct rehomes enable people needing to surrender their animals to still feel supported.
- Animals still end up with a new home, instead of being dumped or neglected.



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Activities and Achievements

Multi-agency working.

- We are proud of our quick response times to difficult situations such as domestic violence, antisocial behaviour and homelessness.
- Our work with emergency services, local authorities and housing associations has grown a lot this year.



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Case Studies

The Smith Family

- A person had sadly passed away in their home.
- Discovered in the flat were a total of seven animals - three of which were within the charities remit of support.
- Richmond Exotics attended, and did not leave until each animal had somewhere to go.
- The Smith family felt supported and relieved, and each animals welfare was ensured.

Miss Jones

- Contacted us explaining she was fleeing domestic violence.
- Needed to rehome a large number of aquatic species and a bearded dragon, with small windows of time in which it was safe to do so.
- Risk assessment came first.
- Within an hour of Miss Jones initial phone call, we had members of the community on the way to collect the aquatic animals.
- Richmond Exotics was able to attend early the following morning to remove the bearded dragon.
- Miss Jones was incredibly grateful and relieved to be able to escape her situation knowing her animals were safe.
- All animals were rescued safely within 12 hours of Miss Jones initial phone call.

Case Studies

Police

- A person without any family passed away in their home - Bearded Dragon
- A person taken into hospital long term - free roaming African Rock Python
- Two people fleeing violence - two Bearded Dragons

Local Authority/ housing associations.

- Individuals removed from a property for anti social behaviour - Leopard Gecko
- Individuals removed from a property for anti social behaviour and drug use - Bearded Dragon
- Individual sent to prison - Royal Python



Challenges and Goals

What's hard and what's next?

Challenges and Goals

Tortoise Madness!

- A huge part of our work this year has been overhauling the way that tortoises are adopted out of the rescue.
- We have a new 'two option' approach.
- Necessary because we are battling misinformation, outdated practices and generational ways of keeping.



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Challenges and Goals

Rehome needed!

- We love running the charity from our homes.
- But it's holding us back!
- A formal premises is a must if we are to survive.
- It's a snake eating it's tail situation.
- We need YOUR help!

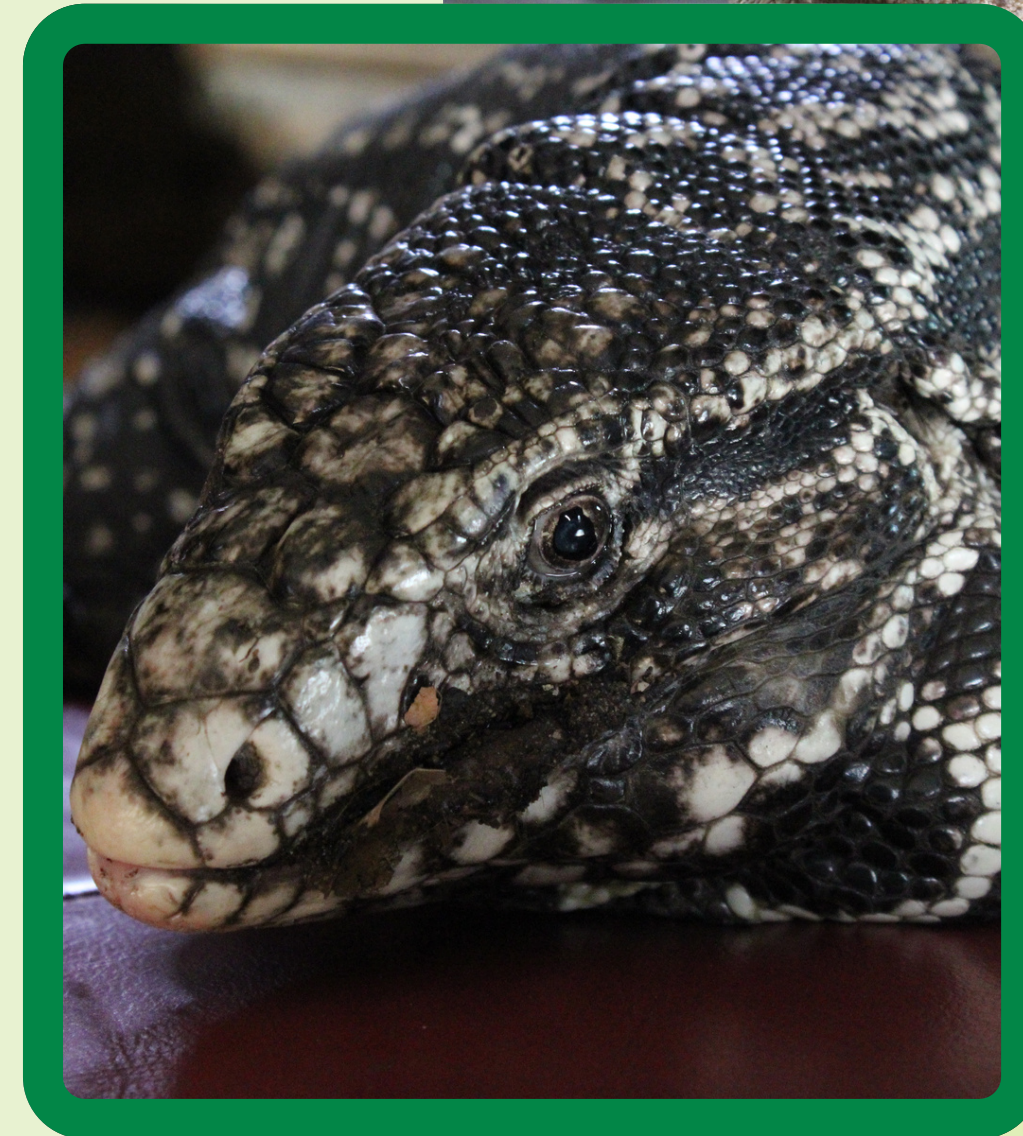


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Challenges and Goals

Finances and Fundraising

- Will be easier when we are in a premises.
- We need fundraisers to come forward.
- Any contacts or suggestions are very very welcome!

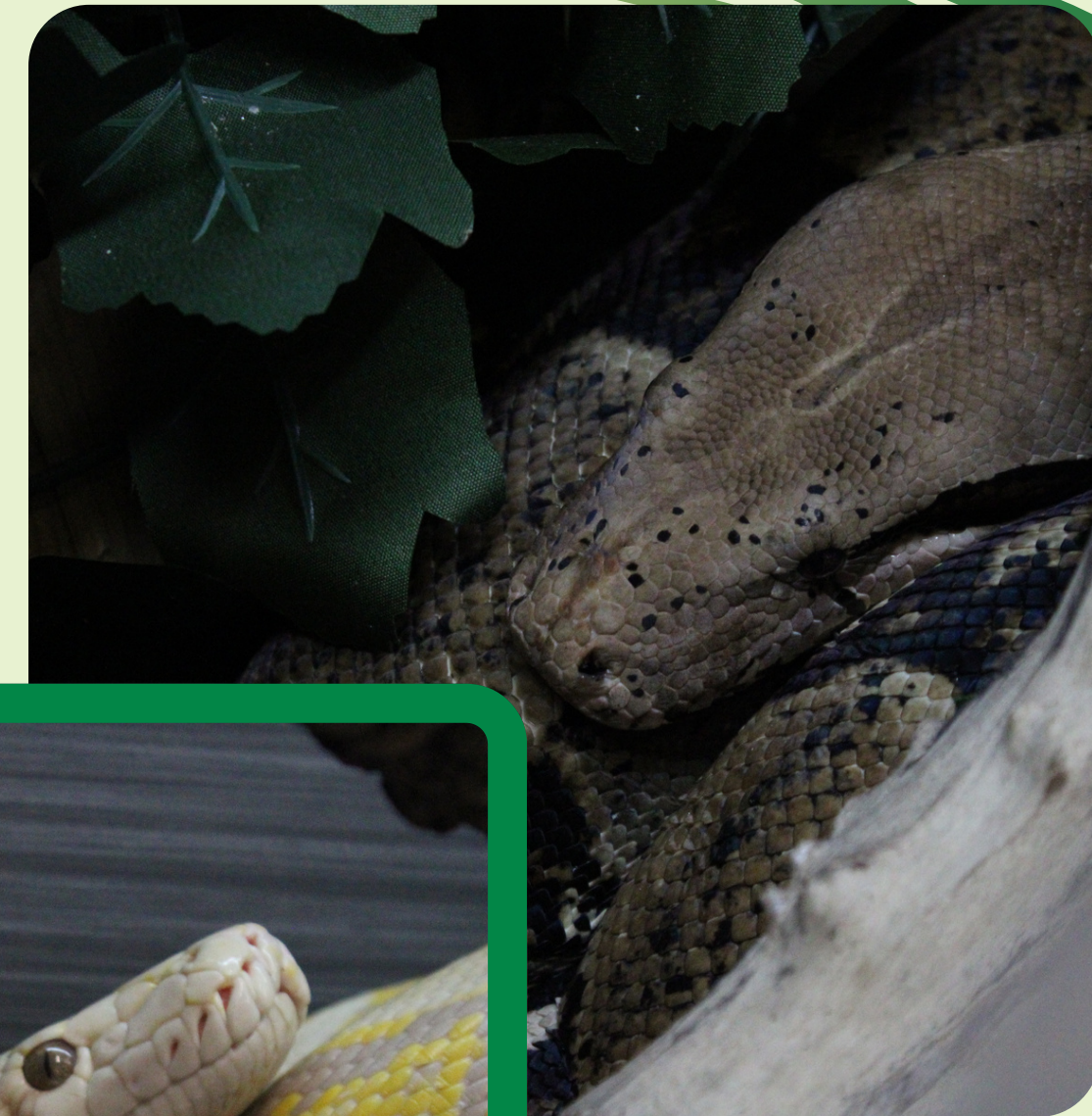
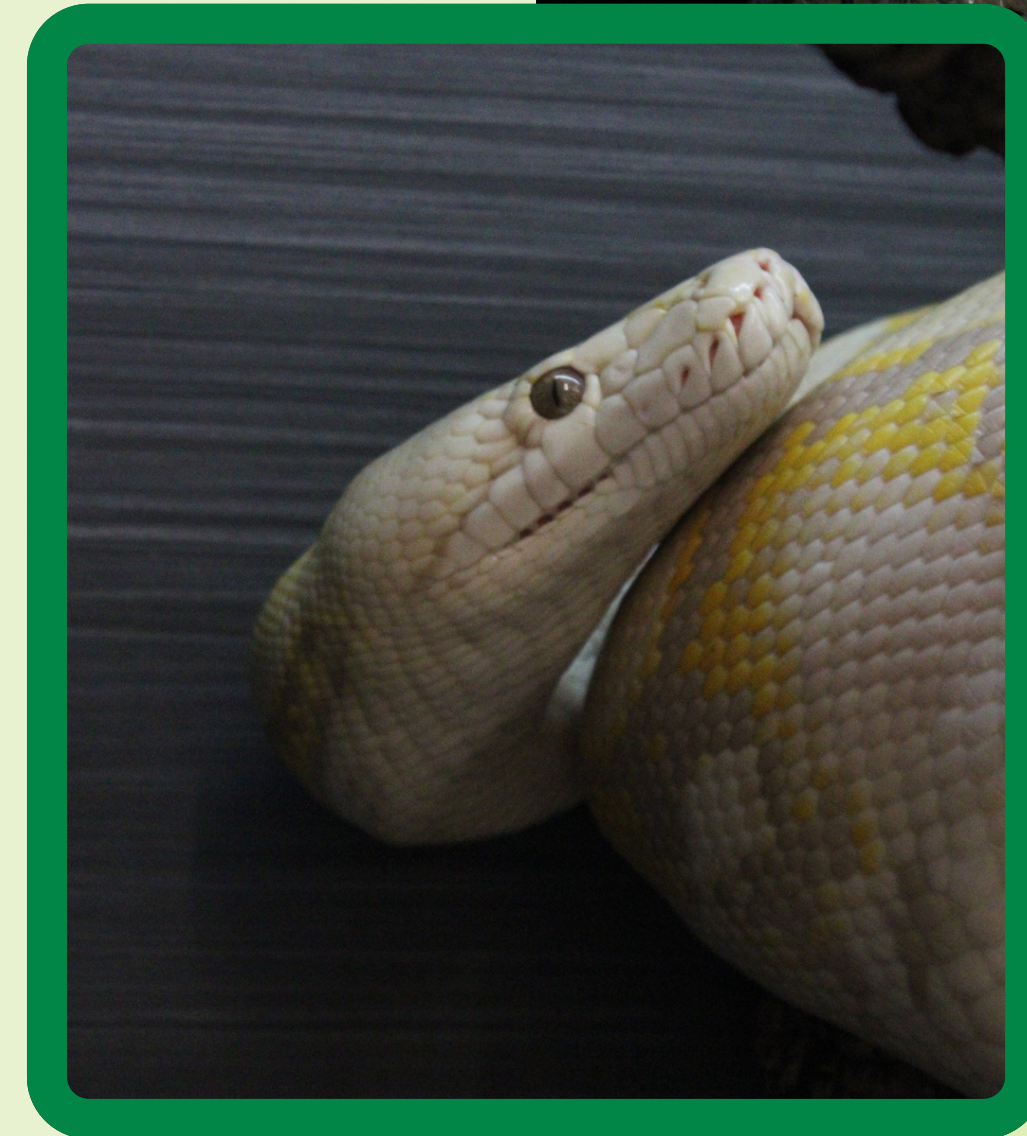


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Challenges and Goals

Adopters – we need you!

- Animals that spend the longest in the rescue are:
 - Corn Snakes
 - Royal Pythons
 - Large Constrictors



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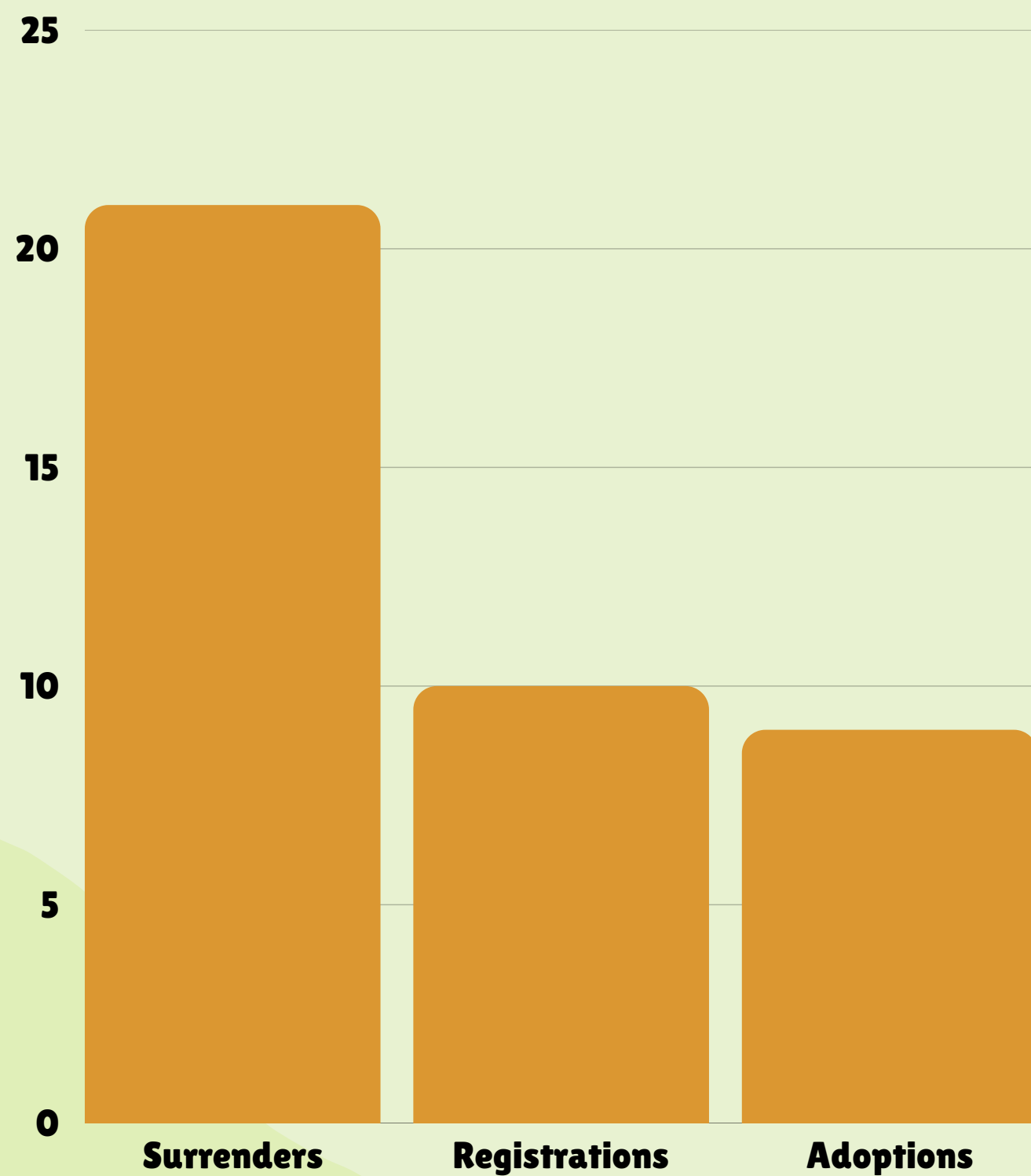


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Statistics

Charts and stuff!



2023 – first year

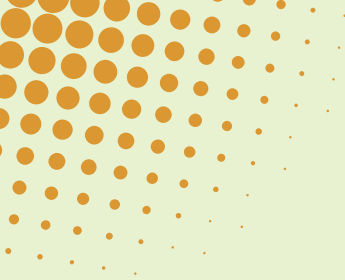
Statistics

Our first year was just three months long and ran from October to December 2023.

Surrenders – 21

Registrations – 10

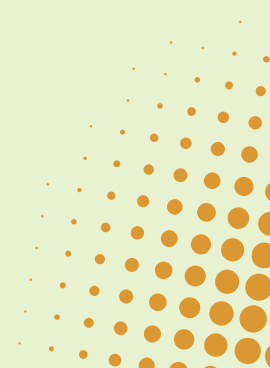
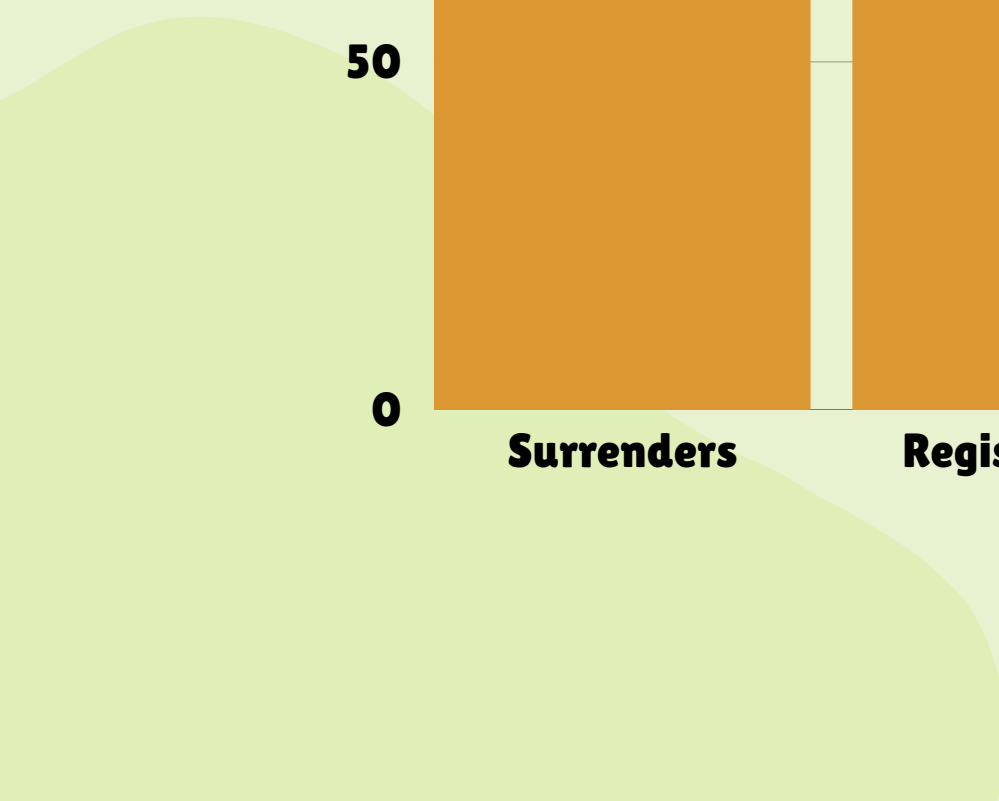
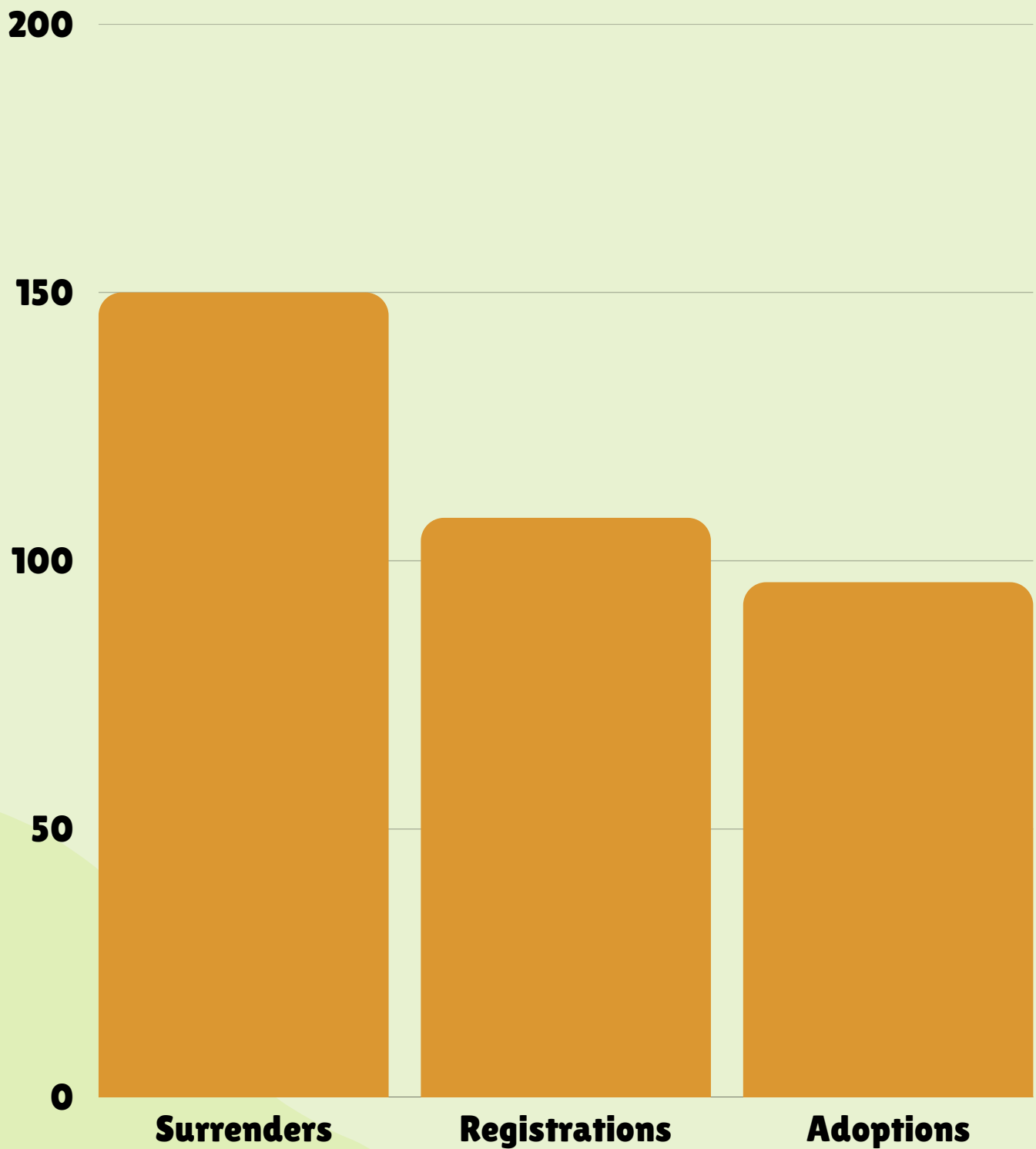
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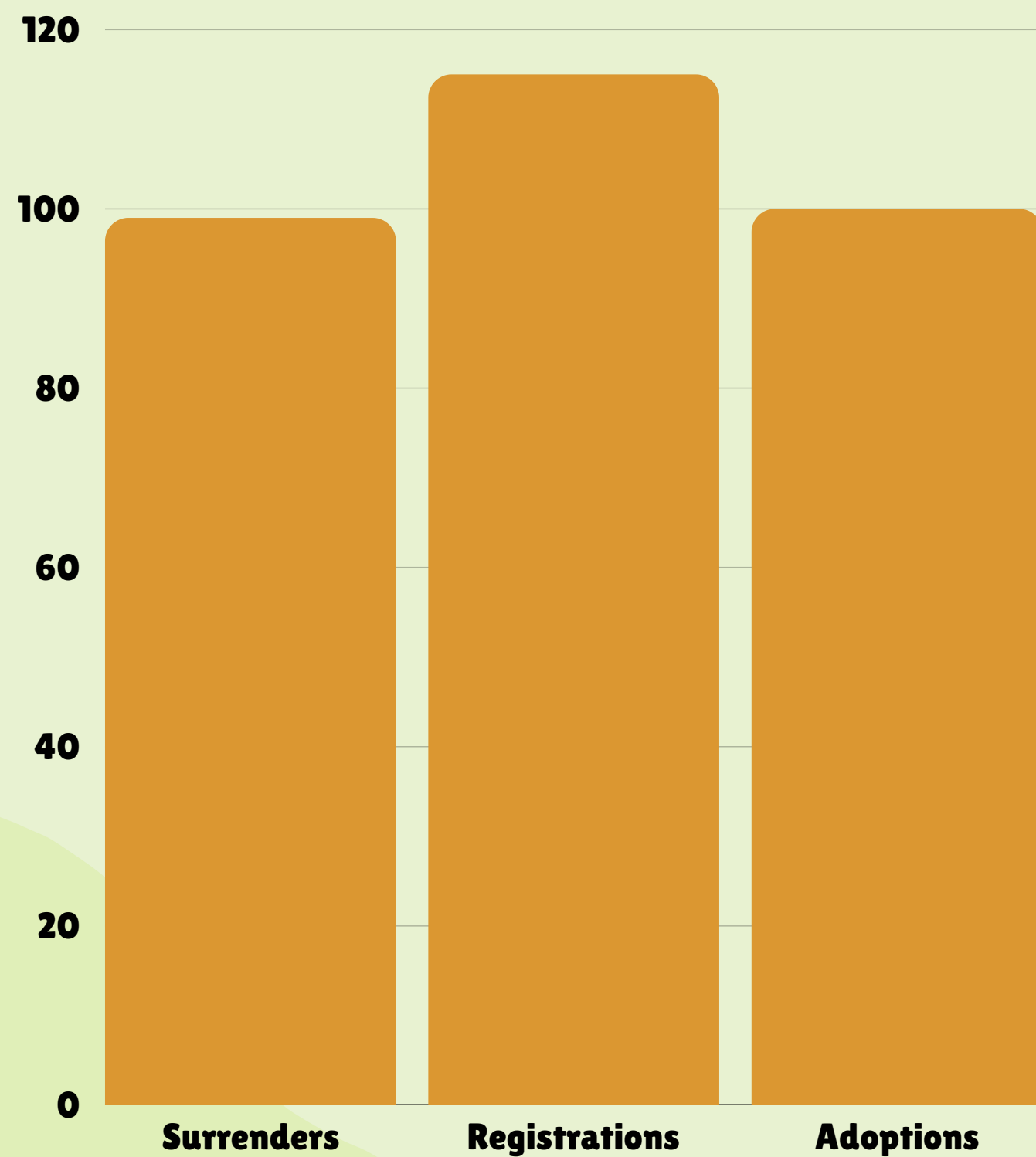


2024 Statistics

Our first full year! And what a busy year it was...

- Surrenders – 150**
- Registrations – 108**
- Adoptions – 96**





2025 so far

Statistics

These stats are accurate as of the end of September 2025.

Surrenders – 99

Registrations – 115

Adoptions – 100

Financial Report

For the most recent period:

Income: £12,187

Expenditure: £11,899

Year end: £288

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name Richmond Exotics	Pin (if any) 209875	CC16a
		Receipts and payments accounts		
For the period from		Period start date 04/08/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Misc Donation	3173	-	-	3,173	-
Adoption Fee Donation	4865	-	-	4,865	-
Boarding Fee Donation	70	-	-	70	-
Experience Fee Donation	1030	-	-	1,030	-
Go Fund Me Donations	497	-	-	497	-
Pound on Payday Donation	392	-	-	392	-
Raffle Entry Donation	160	-	-	160	-
Grant Donation	2000	-	-	2,000	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12187	-	-	12,187	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,187	-	-	12,187	-
A3 Payments					
Stock	2,089	-	-	2,089	-
Veterinary Services	3,413	-	-	3,413	-
Property Costs	612	-	-	612	-
Advertising & Promotions	324	-	-	324	-
Bank & Finance Charges	6	-	-	6	-
Insurance	958	-	-	958	-
Travel and Subsistence	1,276	-	-	1,276	-
General Admin Expenses	3,099	-	-	3,099	-
Minor Miscellaneous Exp	122	-	-	122	-
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A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
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Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
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Net of receipts/(payments)	288	-	-	288	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
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Meet our Board...

Let's vote!

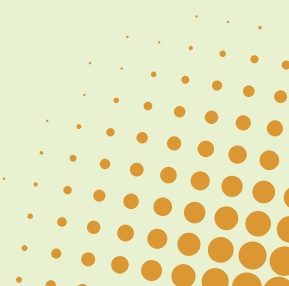


Our board of trustees look after the charity and make sure we're heading in the right direction.

We need YOUR help to set up the board for the coming year!



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Thank You
For Your Support



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