



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01-01-2023

Period start date To 31-12-2023

Period end date

**Charity name: German Shepherd Dog Welfare Fund**

**Charity registration number: 274076**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The objects of the fund shall be the care and protection of German Shepherd Dogs that are in need of such by reason of sickness, maltreatment or poor circumstances, and the prevention of cruelty to and suffering amongst such animals.</b>
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	<b>The committee strives to help any German Shepherd in need that is brought to our attention. We often collect these dogs from homes, kennels, veterinary practices or bad situations and take them to a pre-arranged boarding kennel, for which we pay their boarding fee for the entire time they are in our care. If these dogs prove unsuitable for homing through health or temperament, we pay their boarding fees for the rest of their life. We raise funds to pay for their kennelling and veterinary fees. If a dog comes to us sick, or suffers ailments whilst in our care, we ensure they receive prompt veterinary treatment irrelevant of the cost. We do our best to rehabilitate dogs that are brought to us with temperament issues. We will only rehome a dog once we know it is safe to do so. Sometimes rehabilitation can take months, but we do not let length of time with us and the cost of kennelling cloud our judgement as to their suitability for rehoming.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees' are aware of the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit and respond accordingly.</b>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
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>Since GSD Welfare became a registered charity, we have homed in excess of 9,000 German Shepherd Dogs. We also have an increasing number of dogs in our care that are not fit for rehoming due temperament and health. These dogs will remain in our care for the rest of their days being cared for and living a happy existence. For many of the dogs that come into our care there can be no doubt that we were their last hope. Without us, these dogs would have been euthanised. We have taken dogs into our care when owners could no longer afford veterinary fees for their ailments. Their only alternative would have been euthanasia. We have collected dogs from veterinarians, where their owners have taken them for euthanasia through health or temperament or sometimes because they are just no longer wanted. We do not discriminate. If a German Shepherd needs our help, we strive to provide that help for as long as it is needed. Currently we have more dogs in our care than we have ever had. It is a lockdown / post lockdown problem. A large number of these dogs have problems due to the situations in which they were acquired and brought up. To</p>

		remedy this They are receiving appropriate behavioural support. We also provide dog guardians with online advice and support in a range of options.
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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	<b>Still financially viable but as with most charities suffering from higher calls on our services with decreased income</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>In order to continue carrying out our work and to protect the dogs in our care, it is essential that funds are held in reserve e.g. to cover periods where fundraising may be minimal for whatever reason.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£550,000</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

### 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	
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 ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Written Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? ( <a href="#">e.g unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Unincorporated association</b>
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	<b>Trustees must demonstrate a minimum of two years membership &amp; show a positive ongoing interest in our work. Officers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer), are elected at AGM by Members. If a member demonstrates interest but does not meet the time criteria but has skills that the committee consider beneficial they may be co-opted</b>

### 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	German Shepherd Dog Welfare Fund
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	274076
Charity's principal address	334 Smeeth Road Marshland St James Wisbech Cambs PE14 8EP



### 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	Debbie Hill	Chair		
2	Brenda Sullivan	Secretary		
3	Tony Wiltshire	Treasurer		
4	Catherine Renew			
5	Christine Hart			
6	Mary Osborne			
7	Francis Ring			
8	Kay Musk			
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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	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### 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)

D. Hill

Full name(s)

Deborah Hill

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

1 -10-2024

**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**  
**for**  
**German Shepherd Dogs Welfare Fund**

# **German Shepherd Dogs Welfare Fund**

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**Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Accountants' Report to**  
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In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared without carrying out an audit the annexed financial statements from the accounting records of German Shepherd Dogs Welfare Fund and from information and explanations supplied to us.

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27 September 2024

**Client Approval Certificate**

I approve the financial statements and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Mr T Wilt

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# German Shepherd Dogs Welfare Fund

## Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Sales	23,967		174,362	
Donations	78,000		47,932	
Memberships	327		2,651	
Other Income	8,756		1,000	
	<u>          </u>	111,050	<u>          </u>	225,945
<b>Cost of sales</b>				
Purchases	3,283		4,017	
Kennel Bills	337,553		310,996	
Vetinary Costs	24,503		28,512	
	<u>          </u>	365,339	<u>          </u>	343,525
<b>GROSS LOSS</b>		(254,289)		(117,580)
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Printing, postage & stationery	354		474	
Sundry expenses	-		1	
Accountancy	240		240	
	<u>          </u>	594	<u>          </u>	715
<b>NET LOSS</b>		<u><u>(254,883)</u></u>		<u><u>(118,295)</u></u>

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**Balance Sheet**  
**31 December 2023**

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