

Welsh Corgi Rescue Service

Secretary's AGM Report for 2024

Corgis:

During January and February 2023, we were involved with 10 corgis, 7 of which I was able to rehome, 3 found homes within the family or neighbours. I had a call from a cardigan exhibitor whose dog had a traumatic experience at the Scottish Championship show and she was unable to show her anymore, Heather was rehomed to a family in Glasgow, who couldn't believe their luck that they had such a beautiful dog. She settled in straight away to a homely life and is steadily regaining her confidence.

Finding a home for a 13-year-old corgi cross, I thought would be tricky, but incredibly an application came in from a couple who had just lost an elderly corgi cross JRT dog and although they would have preferred a much younger dog, jumped at the chance to give Tinkerbelle some love before the end of her days. Tinkerbelle had lived with a young couple who had recently had a baby, they had then split up and the lady moved back to her parents, so the little dog was not wanted anymore. She has settled so well into her new home and her new owners say she is an absolute joy.

Sadly, in the early part of the year, the corgi world lost a very prominent personality in the sudden passing of Kevin Dover. At the time of his death, he had three corgis of which I rehomed two. One was a youngster of 4 who went to live in the Cotswolds and the other was 12 who went to live in Worthing, but sadly died in February 2024.

May was a very busy month; I received a phone from a lady who had a 9-year-old bitch called Annie. During lockdown, she bought a puppy to keep her company, but the puppy tormented Annie, so she bought another puppy to keep that one company, these puppies were now 18 months old and poor Annie was having a terrible time being 'set upon' by the youngsters. Miss Simmonds decided that Annie should be rehomed. She has gone to live in Chipping Campden with a lovely couple who had been on my waiting list for a long time.

I had an email from a couple who had bought a puppy when they started working from home but of course couldn't give it the time that a puppy needed, at 11 months they gave up and wanted to rehome her. Honey now lives in Stroud, she does have some behavioural issues which we are helping with.

I received a call one evening from a gentleman on the outskirts of Edinburgh, he was very upset that his family asked that their corgi should be rehomed as they were anxious that she may bite the grandchildren. I asked why this was the case and he said that the dog sometimes nipped the backs of their legs. They assured me that the dog was ok the rest of the time in their company. I had a lady on my waiting list who lived in Edinburgh and was very happy to rescue this dog. (Her previous corgi nipped, and she felt quite confident taking on this one). On the first day, they went for a walk, she had her dinner and settled for the night. Next morning, Pam gave the dog her breakfast, went to pick up the bowl and the dog went for her, bit her hard on the leg and arm and cornered her in the kitchen. She called her neighbour who distracted the dog and between them, managed to get her in the crate. The corgi went straight to the vet to be put to sleep. It is so difficult to get the truth sometimes from owners, was it really a nip on the back of the legs or was it biting?

Also in May we had the news of the death of Sheila Baker, she was formally the Secretary of the Rescue Service. Both Sheila and her husband Roy had given years of devoted service to Corgi Rescue making many long-term friends. After retiring from that role, Sheila continued as a Trustee. She gave me so much help and advice in taking over her job, if I had a query, she would gladly give me guidance and help in resolving it. I have sadly missed her. I had news of a 2-year-old Pembroke needing a new home, the owners had recently had a baby and the dog had become dominant in the home. There were behaviour issues that they found difficult to cope with. I had an update from the new owners later in the year to say that as the dog had spent a lot of his time away from the family, shut up in a room, there was a lot of muscle wasting and he could only walk 8-9 minutes. Now he was up to 45

minutes (4 months later) and his behaviour issues had really improved.

At the beginning of June we took the stall to a Corgi Weekend in Wales, this time it was closer to Milford Haven, quite exposed but beautiful scenery. The weather was lovely, and it was well attended. All the activities were fully supported with people coming from all over the country. We sold a lot of corgi items and reduced our stock. I met three of our rescued corgis there.

Later in the month, we received an invitation from The Kennel Club in conjunction with the University of Liverpool to their London Office to discuss the regulation of dog rescues, the pandemic and subsequent cost of living crisis which continues to hit rescues hard and exposed the vulnerabilities in the sector, especially for smaller rescues. Stan represented us

In November, our last dog of the year to be rehomed was a lovely Pembroke called Ted. He was owned by a man who lived in Exeter but worked in London. During lockdown they assured him that he could work from home, but like a lot of business' that changed, and he was asked to go back to the office. Ted experience anxiety attacks and so the decision was made to rehome him. At this time Amy (Sheila's granddaughter) had just lost Sheila's last corgi, so she rehomed Ted. After some behaviour work, he is now the most delightful dog.

Christmas cards: We had some great comments of the 2023 Christmas card, we found that people didn't order their usual number mainly due to the cost of postage, so this year I will order less.

I collected quite a number of boxes of corgi paraphernalia from people which was sold on the stall. We attended both the summer and Christmas WCL parties

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WELSH CORGI RESCUE SERVICE

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Income from Donors	24,372	22,692
Income from Charitable Trading	1,134	2,070
Gain on Sales of Investments Sold	100,032	-
Investment Income	<u>22,498</u>	<u>44,920</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>148,036</u>	<u>69,682</u>
<u>Resources Used</u>		
Grants	34,240	3,500
Activities relating to the work of the Service	49,705	46,293
Expenses relating to Trading	<u>571</u>	<u>884</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>84,516</u>	<u>50,677</u>
NET INCOMING INCOME / LOSSES 2023	63,520	19,005
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	1,319,896	1,300,891
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1,383,416</u>	<u>1,319,896</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Tangible Assets -

Current Assets

Long Term Investments	1,168,232	961,386
Short Term Investments & Deposits	100,265	163,192
Cash at Bank	<u>114,919</u>	<u>195,318</u>
TOTAL FUND	<u>1,383,416</u>	<u>1,319,896</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT **TO THE WELSH CORGI RESCUE SERVICE**

This report on the financial statements of the Welsh Corgi Rescue Service for the year ended 31st December 2024, which is set out on pages 1-4, is in respect of an examination carried out under S 43 of the Charities Act 1993.

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by The Welsh Corgi Rescue Service, and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the position shown by the accounts.

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention,

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement to keep accounting records in accordance with S 41 of the act has not been met.
- (b) to which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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