

Charity number: 109416

Lost and Found Pets North Down Rescue & Rehoming

Trustees' report and financial statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

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The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Dear Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, Lost and Found Pets North Down Rescue & Rehoming is thrilled to share the impactful goals and achievements achieved with your unwavering support. Our commitment to rescuing, rehoming, and rehabilitating stray, abandoned, and surrendered pets remains at the forefront of our mission, and your contributions have made a significant difference. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Together, we make a difference in the lives of animals and their families.

Goals and Achievements 2023/2024:

1. Successful Reunification – Our dedicated efforts have led to the successful reunification of hundreds, if not thousands, of misplaced pets across various species, bringing joy and relief to countless families.
2. Diverse Rescues – Lost and Found Pets North Down Rescue & Rehoming has extended its reach to facilitate the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of diverse animals, including hedgehogs, wild and domestic birds, and ducks. This expansion broadens our impact on the local wildlife.
3. Emergency Accommodation – Providing emergency accommodation for stray pets has been a crucial service, offering a safe haven while we work tirelessly to reconnect them with their families.
4. Public Education – Our commitment to educating the public on existing laws and responsible pet ownership has strengthened, fostering a community that values and advocates for the welfare of all animals.
5. Preloved/Abandoned Pets – We continue to provide safe spaces, veterinary care, and a meticulous adoption process for preloved and abandoned pets, ensuring they find loving homes and second chances at happiness.
6. Volunteer Force Expansion – With your support, we have successfully expanded our volunteer force by 50%, enhancing our capacity to respond to the growing needs of our community.
7. Search and Rescue Training – Team members have undergone comprehensive training in both ground and aerial searches for missing pets, equipping us with the advanced tools to enhance our rescue efforts.
8. Drone Pilots Licensing – Our in-house drone pilots have been trained and licensed, allowing us to deploy cutting-edge technology in location and assisting lost animals.
9. Deceased Pets Support – We've implemented a compassionate service to recover and organise the return of deceased pets, providing solace to bereaved families during difficult times.
10. Animals Welfare Advisory – Our gateway advisory service remains a vital resource for members of the public reporting animal welfare concerns, ensuring a swift and effective response to critical issues.
11. First Aid Training – Two of our trustees are now fully first aid trained.

Additional Costs:

It's important to note that the success of our mission also incurs additional costs. These include expenses related to rehoming, transportation, and scanning of lost animals. Your continued support allows us to meet these financial demands and sustain our commitment to the well-being of all pets in our community.

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

In the pursuit of our mission to serve the community and advocate for the welfare of our furry companions, Lost and Found Pets North Down Rescue & Rehoming presents its objectives and goals for the fiscal year 2024/25. Guided by our unwavering commitment to reuniting lost pets with their families and promoting responsible pet ownership, these objectives outline our strategic priorities and areas of focus. Through collaborate efforts, transparent governance, and unwavering dedication, we aim to not only sustain but enhance our impact in safeguarding the well-being of both pets and their human companions within our community.

Objectives and Goals for 2024/25:

1. Mission and Values Upheld – Our primary objective is to steadfastly uphold the mission and values of Lost and Found Pets North Down Rescue & Rehoming, with a paramount focus on prioritising the welfare and safe return of lost pets to their owners. Every action and decision will be guided by this fundamental principle.
2. Effective Governance and Compliance – We are committed to ensuring effective governance and compliance with all relevant laws and regulations governing charitable organisations. By upholding the highest standards of governance, we will ensure transparency, accountability, and integrity in all our operations.
3. Strategic Development and Implementation – We will oversee and support the development and implementation of strategic plans aimed at increasing our charity's capacity to locate and reunite lost pets with their owners. This includes ongoing assessment of our methods and technologies to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in our operations.
4. Securing Sustainable Funding – We will actively seek and secure funding opportunities to sustain and expand our operations.
5. Transparent Financial Management – Maintaining transparent financial management practices is essential. We will conduct regular reviews of budgets and financial reports to ensure responsible stewardship of funds entrusted to us by our donors and supporters.
6. Stakeholder Engagement – Cultivating strong relationships with stakeholders is crucial to enhancing our impact and reach. We will actively engage with volunteers, partner organisations, local authorities, and the community to foster collaboration and mutual support in achieving our goals.
7. Monitoring and Evaluation – We are committed to monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of our programs and services. Through rigorous evaluation, we will seek continuous improvement and innovation to better serve the needs of lost pets and their owners.
8. Advocacy for Responsible Pet Ownership- We will advocate for policies and practices that promote responsible pet ownership and support efforts to prevent pet homeless and stray populations. Through education and awareness campaigns, we will strive to address the root causes of lost pets in our community.
9. Integrity, Accountability and Professionalism – Operating with integrity, accountability, and professionalism in all our activities and interactions is non-negotiable. We will uphold the highest ethical standards to maintain the trust and confidence of our stakeholders.
10. Positive Representation – We will represent Lost and Found Pets North Down Rescue & Rehoming positively and ethically in all public engagements, media appearances and communications channels. By being transparent and authentic, we will inspire trust and support our cause.

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees' are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees' to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees' are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees' are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with to reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable Trustees' to ensure that the financial statements comply with the statutes. Trustees' are also responsible for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

Andrea Mannus

Date: 15th July 15, 2024