

DOG LEAP ANIMAL CHARITY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

Dog Leap Animal Charity is registered with the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland, registered on 19/10/23. We are a small team of volunteers who seek to reduce the stress, neglect and abuse and suffering of animals in Limavady and the surrounding area (the area of benefit).

The charity aims to help the general public through the charity's classifications:

- The advancement of education and the advancement of animal welfare

The charity strives to fulfill its charitable purposes:

- The advancement of education
- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement
- The relief of those in need by reason of youth, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- The advancement of animal welfare

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

During the April 2024 to March 2025 year we were very busy. We had all sorts of animals in need of help from dogs, cats, reptiles, hamsters, rabbits and even 2 dolphins (we waited with them beached on the sand until DEARA arrived and helped them back out to sea). We were the first point of call when other agencies could not help e.g. no out of hours with local councils.

We helped to reunite animals with their owners where possible and if unwanted we then sought to rehome. We have animal fosters who the animal would stay with until we found a suitable home. During this year we rehomed 120 dogs and cats.

We had a lot of neglect and abuse cases reported to us by the public and we made sure these were passed on to the local dog wardens in the relevant council area. The number of animals being abused and neglected is on the rise.

We purchased a purpose made cat trap to use to decrease the number of feral cats by means of trap, neuter and release.

We have helped numerous people in difficult situations where they have thought that the only resolution to their problems was to give up their beloved pet. The ever rising veterinary costs are meaning that some people have to give up their animals as they cannot afford treatment. We have taken animals that were to be euthanised because of their injuries as their owners could not afford to pay to treat them.

We have opened a shop in a new premises and it has really taken off. The support from the community has been, and continues to be amazing. Without the income from the shop sales we wouldn't be able to help as many animals.

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We would like to thank our volunteers for all the time that they have given to the charity. Without them we would not be able to foster as many animals or staff a shop which brings in necessary funds for our vet and pet shop bills.

Plans for the year ahead

We plan to continue as we are but we are hoping to focus a lot more on:

- Education, working with our local vets and other animal charities on getting information and advice out on welfare, preventing disease etc. Ideally we would like the opportunity to go into schools and do talks about animal care with veterinary professionals.
- We will continue to work alongside local council dog wardens in reporting abuse and neglect.
- Due to rising veterinary costs, we will seek to find ways of helping those struggling financially with the cost of neutering/spaying. This will aid in preventing many unwanted litters of puppies and kittens.
- We are planning on expanding our social media presence, with a focus on educational/informative videos.
- Expanding our team of volunteers for the shop, animal fosters, people able to carry out homechecks. We have plans to work alongside Mencap for shop volunteers.

Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charities Commission NI.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Maoilisea McKee

Pearl Schorr

Alannah Wilson

Emma Cox

Michelle O'Hara

Leona Wilson

Alena Day

Joan McKee

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

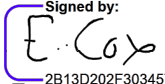
The appointment and recruitment of trustees is carried out in accordance with the charity's governing document. The skills, knowledge and expertise of potential candidates is considered in light of the requirements of the charity. Induction and training is also provided to new charity trustees to help them understand their role and the work of the charity.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed by:

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Maoilisea McKee
Trustee

Signed by:

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Emma Cox
Trustee

27 January 2026