



Scottish Exotic Animal Rescue

Trustees' Annual Report

April 6th 2024 – April 5th 2025

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Scottish Exotic Animal Rescue

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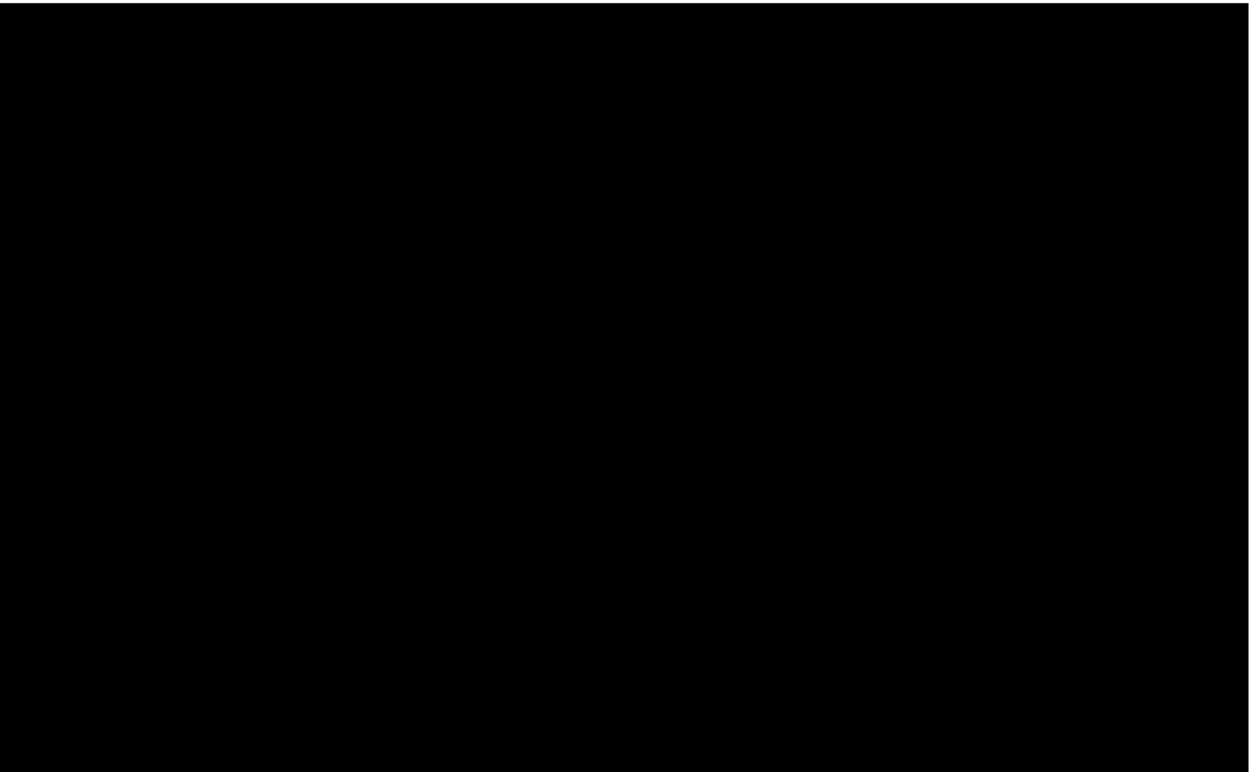
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Charity Trustees April 2024 - 2025



Objectives and
Activities

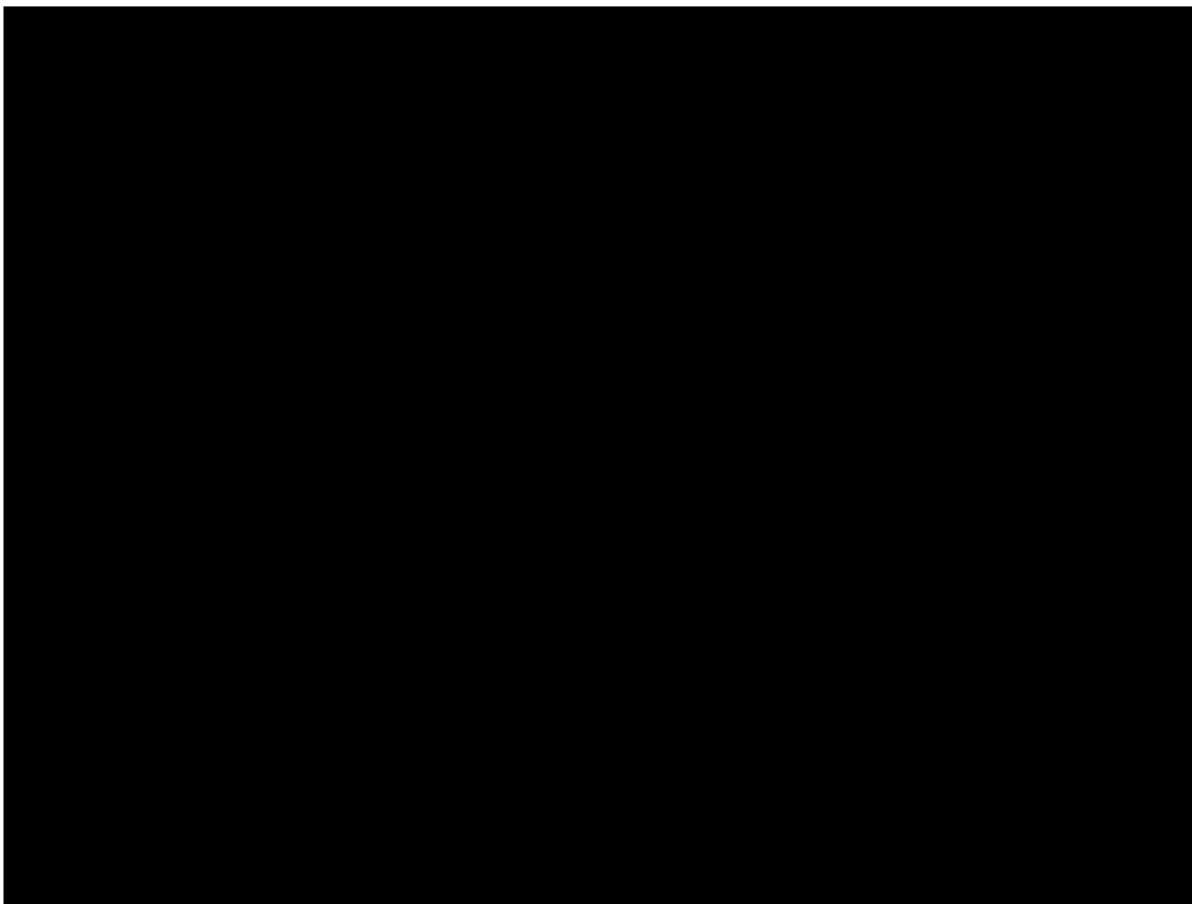
The charity's main objective is the rescue and rehabilitation of exotic animals. We also aim to advance the knowledge of welfare issues of exotic animals through creating courses/talks and demonstrations which highlight conservation, ecological and animal welfare issues. We additionally use the above courses for aiding self-development of disadvantaged/disabled groups and individuals.

We achieve this principally from our charity headquarters in Nairn, Highlands, where we house and care for our exotic animals. We open our doors for bookings every weekend and for extra days during school holidays. During these bookings, often families, have an hour long tailored

educational tour of our facilities, where they learn about our rescue animals and have a chance to interact with our friendlier residents!

Our facility also provides opportunities for local school students to volunteer. Often these students volunteer as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards or to gain some voluntary experience before applying to study for veterinary medicine, but we also take student volunteers with neurodiverse needs who gain opportunities to build some confidence through interacting with our animals and then often the public during tours and external events.

Our booked tours provide some of our income to support our charitable objectives, but the majority of our income is generated by larger public events. We bring our educational stand to events such as scouts and guides, schools, public fetes and galas. Through every interaction at these events, we help members of the public to overcome misconceptions they may have about exotic animals. We also offer visits to care homes, birthday parties, and school classes.



Chairman [REDACTED] and one of our volunteers setting up our exhibition tent for the Tain Gala

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is run in line with OSCR guidelines and operates under a constitution. During this period, we have reviewed our constitution and structure with plans to transition the charity from an unincorporated association to a SCIO.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

Our trustees have remained unchanged from the previous year. Christopher Evans continues as Chairperson. Christopher is manager of our rescue centre and had been a volunteer under or founder [REDACTED] since 2016.

[REDACTED] Also continued as Treasurer. [REDACTED] is a NHS Scotland physiotherapist and has been a volunteer with the rescue since March 2022.

[REDACTED] continued in his role as secretary. [REDACTED] is a journalist and has also been a volunteer with the rescue since March 2022.

Achievements and Performance

Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

This year the charity was in financial deficit and has had to withdraw from our savings account. Following our transition to a SCIO, it is the intent to develop a more concrete policy on financial reserves and to also source additional funding through grant applications, which this new foundation will allow.

Details of Any Deficit

The high costs of energy have continued to have a serious impact on our charity. Most of our resident animals are reptiles they require a lot of energy to run their heat and UV lamps, and we have experienced a significant increase in the cost of our utility bills. The backlog of owed monies from a incorrect use of payroll software by our previous treasurer has continued to have an impact, as it made up a large portion of our expenditure. A private loan was required to pay a lump sum amount; we are repaying in small increments. There has been a significant increase in animals coming in to our

rescue centre, and a downturn in rehoming, which has also put a strain on our finances. Things are looking more optimistic looking forward; however it has been another tough year for the charity.

Future plans

We hope to continue our plans to improve the enclosures of our resident animals and to continue rehoming those who we can to appropriate households. We will of course be continuing our educational work and encouraging young people to volunteer. The transitioning of the charity to a SCIO will also be occurring over the next accounting period.

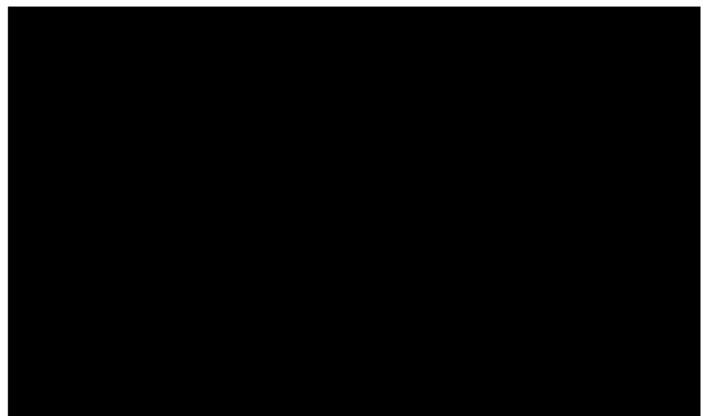
Additional information

A huge thank you to our local Pets at Home branch, and the Pets Foundation for their ongoing support. The charity is a part of their community partnership and lifelines scheme, and it is a vital part of our funding, especially during the difficult winter months.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Print name



Designation

Chairperson

Date

04/01/2026

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	06	04	2024		05	04	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	12,282				12,282	18,738
Legacies	-				-	-
Grants	4,315				4,315	2,785
Receipts from fundraising activities	-				-	-
Gross trading receipts	-				-	22,070
Income from investments other than land and buildings	19				19	72
Rents from land & buildings	-				-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	28,063				28,063	-
					-	
A1 Sub total	44,679	-	-	-	44,679	43,665
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	44,679	-	-	-	44,679	43,665
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	47,679				47,679	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	47,679	-	-	-	47,679	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,679	-	-	-	47,679	-
Net receipts / (payments)	(3,000)	-	-	-	(3,000)	43,665
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(3,000)	-	-	-	(3,000)	43,665

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	5,356				5,356	11,047
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(3,000)				(3,000)	(5,691)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	2,356	-	-	-	2,356	5,356
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	49,356

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments			
	Total	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Vehicle		10,000	10,000
	Building Occupied by Charity		107,675	107,675
	Total	-	117,675	117,675

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	HMRC PAYE April 2020 - April 2024	-	5,701
		4,000	
	Loan Repayments April 2024 - April 2026		
	Total	4,000	5,701

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities			
	Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature*

Print Name

Date of
approval

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Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds *(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)*

All funds currently held by charity are unrestricted and are held between a Current Account and and Instant Access Savings Account with Bank of Scotland. Funds are transferred from the Savings Account to the Current Account when there is a deficit and deposited into the Savings Account when in surplus. All funds are used for the purpose of meeting the Charity's constitutional objectives.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

Authority under which paid

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
██████████ - Salary	16,710

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)**Analysis of receipts and payments****1 Donations**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Munlochy Animal Aid					-	2,000
Arnold Clark					-	800
Facebook Donate					-	340
Individual Donations	12,282				12,282	15,598
Total	12,282	-	-	-	12,282	18,738

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2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Pets Foundation (Pets at Home)	4,315		4,315	2,785
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	4,315	-	4,315	2,785

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3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Appointments	13,608				13,608	13,260
Event Bookings	24,063				24,063	8,810
Bank Account Interest	19				19	72
Personal loan	4,000				4,000	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	41,690	-	-	-	41,690	22,142

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4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Wages	16,710	-	-	-	16,710	16,900
Mobile, Landline & Broadband	452	-	-	-	452	582
Utilities - Gas, Water, Waste & Electricity	8,633	-	-	-	8,633	7,915
Vehicle - Tax, Fuel, Breakdown Cover, Maintenance	1,731	-	-	-	1,731	4,527
Veterinary Appointments & Medications	2,159	-	-	-	2,159	3,637
Animal Supplies - Food, Enclosures	2,753	-	-	-	2,753	6,573
Event Supplies	183	-	-	-	183	125
Office & Cleaning Supplies	144	-	-	-	144	392
Uniforms & Signage	79	-	-	-	79	429
Storage	1,020	-	-	-	1,020	1,020
Insurance - Building, Liability & Vehicle	3,314	-	-	-	3,314	1,338
Software Subscriptions - Website, Microsoft, Cloud	462	-	-	-	462	281
Legal & Accounting Expenses	259	-	-	-	259	1,283
Electrician Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	901
Local Business License Fee	325	-	-	-	325	325
HMRC	7,474	-	-	-	7,474	1,478
Refunds	-	-	-	-	-	430
Skip Hire	-	-	-	-	-	1,222
Advertising and Branding	49	-	-	-	49	-
Loan Repayments	1,843	-	-	-	1,843	-
Licensing	89	-	-	-	89	-
Total	47,679	-	-	-	47,679	49,356

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	12,617				12,617	18,738
Legacies	-				-	-
Grants	4,315				4,315	2,785
Receipts from fundraising activities	23,747				23,747	-
Gross trading receipts	-				-	22,070
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-				-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-				-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	19				19	72
Sub total	40,698	-	-	-	40,698	43,665
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Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,698	-	-	-	40,698	43,665
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Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	47,679				47,679	48,074
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	1,283
					-	-
					-	-
Sub total	47,679	-	-	-	47,679	49,357
					-	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,679	-	-	-	47,679	49,357
Net receipts / (payments)	(6,981)	-	-	-	(6,981)	(5,692)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(6,981)	-	-	-	(6,981)	(5,692)
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