

Charity number

1129794

Dogs Friends

Report and Unaudited Accounts

for the year ended

31 May 2013

Dogs Friends
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 May 2013
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**Dogs Friends
Reference and Administrative Information
For the Year ended 31 May 2013**

Charity Registered number
1129794

Charity Address
Durlston
Celtic Way
Bleadon
North Somerset
BS24 0NF

Constitution

Dogs Friends was constituted by Trust Deed dated 5 April 2009 and registered with the Commission on 21 May 2009. The charity commenced activities on 1 June 2009.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year, and since the year-end are as follows;

Sally Baker
Julian Coles
Lynn Dunn
Dorothy Peacock - Treasurer to 31 May 2013; Chair from 1 June 2013
Rosemary Peacock - Chair to 31 May 2013; Treasurer from 1 June 2013
John Thurmand - Secretary

Accountant:

Helen Bardle, ACA
Helen Bardle Ltd
7 Cliff Street
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Bankers

Lloyds TSB Bank plc
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Annual Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2013. The charity commenced activities on 1 June 2009.

The reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

Objects

The objects of the charity are;

- a) for the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention, and, in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals, and;
- b) to promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general, and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

Organisational Structure

Trustees are selected for appointment having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience which they can bring to assist the effective running of the charity, and their demonstrated commitment to the aims and objectives of the charity.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Review of activities

The trustees wish to formally acknowledge the huge amount of time and energy, and indeed money, so freely given to Dogs' Friends by their supporters and volunteers. Without such help the charity could not function.

This year we were able to help 245 dogs (210 last year) of which 194 were re-homed (168); the remainder were either placed with foster carers, returned to their owners, transferred to other rescue centres or are still being cared for by the Charity. In addition there are many more dogs not recorded that briefly pass through the kennels for a variety of different reasons; not least looking after them whilst their owners are homeless or become too ill to do so themselves until their health improves.

Unfortunately a number of dogs for re-homing continue to come to us in poor condition needing special veterinary attention. For example, Sophie, an eleven year old poodle collapsed on arrival and had to have an emergency operation for a serious uterine infection and was in surgery for days on a drip. Lad, a six year old Collie, had a badly infected toe which had to be amputated, and Holly, a seven year old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, who was found wandering in Wales, had a dislocated kneecap and hip in one of her back legs. When scanned, the Vet discovered that she had been swung by it at an angle of 180 degrees. In his own words he had never seen anything like it before.

Every dog that comes into our care is checked by a Vet, given jabs and medications for any infections present, micro chipped and if relevant castrated or spayed. This year these costs, including operations, amounted to over £70,000.

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Review of activities continued

In the past, and apart from very old dogs and puppies, we tended to request the same donation fee for every adoption. With ever increasing costs we decided this year to introduce a more flexible donation policy to take account of a dog's initial veterinary costs, the length of time it had been in our care, and the medication it had received.

Recently we introduced a ~~M~~Meds for MuttsqClub with a promotion aimed specifically to help us pay our veterinary bills. Members buy shares for £60 a year which are entered in a monthly draw, the owner of the winning share receiving 20% of that month's net fund as a prize. It is early days but with 55 members it is off to an encouraging start.

Dog lovers can be so generous. In the spring of 2012 a reputable breeder of Cocker Spaniels gave us four adorable pups with the delightful names of Maggie, Mildred, Mystic and Melody.

They could not be used for breeding purposes because all had been born with bi-lateral cataracts and would soon go blind without operations costing in total £11,000. Within a matter of months most of the money had been raised or promised with £8,266 contributed this year. The operations have been a success and all four have been re-homed but all their wonderful names have been changed by their new owners!

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Financial Results

The charity received total income in the year of £81,568 of which £66,749 was from donations and Appeals during the year raised the following income;

Cocker Appeal	£8,268
Cadbury Appeal	£337
Missy Appeal	£105

In the early days of the Charity, and to help it become fully operational from the start, some of the Trustees (in particular Rosemary Peacock) paid privately for a number of its activities, amounting this year to £35,000. So as to give a more realistic picture of the Charity's running costs the Trustees have now decided to include them in the accounts, which explains this year's deficit.

Of the £35,000 two expenditure areas stand out; kennelling and extra premises costs (£26,000) and transportation (£7,000), with the balance of £2,000 being attributed to additional administrative tasks.

Because the Charity has no property of its own every dog that comes into care has to be medically checked at privately owned stables and kennelled there until such time that it can be sent to a foster carer's home prior to adoption. When the foster carers can take no more the overflow remain kennelled at the stables which this year has averaged 12 dogs a week.

The transportation cost of £7,000 includes regular journeys to Wales to collect dogs from puppy farms as well as taking dogs from the stables to foster carer homes in the Bristol and Bath areas every week of the year.

From 2013, the Trustees will be applying for grants and other funding in order to meet the true annual running costs of the charity.

Reserves policy

The Trustees are endeavouring to build up a reserve fund of £10,000 over the next 5 years, in order to provide a buffer to cover unexpected expenditure.

This report was approved by the trustees on 8 August 2013 and signed by its order.

Dorothy Peacock

John Thurmand

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Dogs Friends
For the Year ended 31 May 2013**

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2013 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to;

- examine the financial statements under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and;
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements;

(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and

(b) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met, or;

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Helen Bardle, ACA
Chartered Accountant
7 Cliff Street
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8 August 2013

**Dogs Friends
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 May 2013**

	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
Donations		66,749	44,712
Fundraising		14,819	14,645
Increase in stock of donated items		-	-
Total income		81,568	59,357
Charitable expenditure	2	(114,340)	(66,696)
Net Expenditure		(32,772)	(7,339)
Interest payable	3	(123)	-
Net Expenditure for the year.		(32,895)	(7,339)
General Fund brought Forward		(3,499)	3,840
General Fund carried Forward		(36,394)	(3,499)

These figures do not include the value of goods donated to, and used by the charity, for example, dog food, bedding, collars and leads, cleaning products and dog toys.

**Dogs Friends
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 May 2013**

	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	2,936	-
Current assets			
Stocks of donated items		20,000	20,000
Debtors	5	5,000	-
Bank current account		1,689	5,156
		<u>26,689</u>	<u>25,156</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(27,260)	(14,916)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		<u>(571)</u>	<u>10,240</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,365</u>	<u>10,240</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	(38,759)	(13,739)
Net liabilities		<u>(36,394)</u>	<u>(3,499)</u>
Funds held			
General fund	8	(36,394)	(3,499)
		<u>(36,394)</u>	<u>(3,499)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board on 8 August 2013 and signed on their behalf by;

..... Rosemary Peacock - Treasurer

..... John Thurmand - Secretary

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for the year ended 31 May 2013

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis, in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Kennelling 20% straight line

Stocks of donated items

The stock of donated items is donated by sponsors and represents that which has not been distributed or used by the charity at the year-end. The value has been estimated by the trustees.

2 Operating profit	2013	2012
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	734	-
3 Interest payable	2013	2012
	£	£
Interest payable	123	-
4 Tangible fixed assets		Kennelling
		£
Cost		
Additions		3,670
At 31 May 2013		3,670
Depreciation		
Charge for the year		734
At 31 May 2013		734
Net book value		
At 31 May 2013		2,936
5 Debtors	2013	2012
	£	£
Gift Aid receivable	5,000	-

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6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2013	2012
	£	£
Credit card balance	7,773	-
Trade creditors	19,087	14,356
Accrued expenses	400	560
	<u>27,260</u>	<u>14,916</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2013	2012
	£	£
Loans from Trustees	<u>38,759</u>	<u>13,739</u>

These represent costs paid by the Trustees on behalf of the Charity, for which they have not yet been re-imbursed.

8 General Fund	2013	2012
	£	£
At 1 June 2012	(3,499)	3,840
Net expenditure for the year	(32,895)	(7,339)
At 31 May 2013	<u>(36,394)</u>	<u>(3,499)</u>

9 Trustees' Remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration for their work as trustees.

The Trustees have calculated that the value of the time that the working Trustees freely give to the Charity amounts to approximately £90,000 per year.

R Peacock, a Trustee, provides kennelling for the dogs at her own premises in order to reduce the cost to the Charity of using commercial boarding kennels, which can exceed £4,000 per month. The Trustees have agreed to pay a charge of £2,000 per month to cover the additional running costs borne by R Peacock, after she carried out major improvements to the kennels at her own expense during Summer 2012.

Trustees will also be re-imbursed for expenses they incur on behalf of the Charity. Any expenses that have not yet been re-imbursed have been added to the Trustee's loan balance.

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Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 May 2013

	2013	2012
	£	£
Donations		
Dog Adoption income	34,659	24,924
Donations from sponsors	4,064	8,835
Other donations and appeals	22,226	10,953
Donations in kind from Trustees	5,800	-
	<u>66,749</u>	<u>44,712</u>
Fundraising	<u>14,819</u>	<u>14,645</u>
Cost of Charitable Activities		
Animal welfare costs:		
Vaccinations	13,503	58,886
Neutering costs	18,455	-
Microchipping	4,631	-
Operations	16,691	-
Other veterinary and drug costs	18,243	-
Kennelling	22,060	2,923
Transporting dogs	7,000	480
	<u>100,583</u>	<u>62,289</u>
Premises costs:		
Light and heat	1,484	934
Cleaning	1,434	545
Skip hire and waste disposal	3,846	1,232
	<u>6,764</u>	<u>2,711</u>
Administration costs:		
Printing & stationery	197	-
Telephone	379	-
Bank charges	821	18
Insurance	2,031	-
Advertising	791	316
Depreciation	734	-
Accountancy fees	200	200
Miscellaneous	880	962
	<u>6,033</u>	<u>1,496</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Website and other professional costs	960	200
	<u>960</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>114,340</u>	<u>66,696</u>