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Dogs' Friends

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 May 2016

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Reference and Administrative Information
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Charity Address

Shamrock Stables
Lynch Lane
Westbury-sub-Mendip
Somerset
BA5 1HW

Constitution

Dogs Friends was constituted by Trust Deed dated 5 April 2009 and registered with the Charity 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;

Julian Coles - resigned Autumn 2016
Lynn Dunn
Rosemary Peacock - Chair
John Thurmand - Secretary

Accountants

Helen Bardle, ACA
Helen Bardle Ltd
7 Cliff Street
Cheddar
Somerset
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Bankers

Lloyds TSB Bank plc
Bath Street
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Annual Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2016. The charity commenced activities on 1 June 2009.

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

Objects and aims

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 234 dogs in various ways, including re-homing 161 dogs during this period.

By far the biggest proportion of dogs we have taken in this year have come from Welsh puppy farms and other rescues and dog wardens. The puppy farm dogs have, invariably, required a large amount of veterinary care - neutering, dental work, eye and ear treatment etc.

One dog who stands out is Edgar the Westie, born on the 23rd October 2015. He was rescued from a puppy farm in March 2016, the runt of a litter, unsaleable. He was just five months old, half-starved and weighed just 1.2 kg. He had giardia, worms, a chest infection, and many other problems. It was clear that little Edgar needed extra care, and he was fostered out immediately.

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Review of activities continued

Over the next couple of months vets worked hard to try and sort him out and he responded valiantly, soon displaying his mettle. Despite his awful start in life, he loved meeting people and other dogs, even big, fierce angry dogs frequently encountered in vet waiting rooms and pubs. Edgar stayed totally calm in the face of a frantically barking dog, furious at the end of its lead, the owner desperately trying to hold it back. He walks up to the dog and sniffs its snarling nose, and the dog instantly calms down and sniffs back. Soon they are friends.

The fosterer reported it was difficult to walk down the street with Edgar because he was constantly greeted by people moved to want to stroke him, which he loved. Once in the Post Office, the teller had him put through the parcels flap so she could pet him in her arms.

All was going so well, he was putting on weight, playing with toys, jumping and running around. On walks in the woods he could jump over all but the biggest fallen logs. Then it seemed that his hind legs started to weaken. He now had trouble getting up the doorstep. The right hind leg sometimes seemed to just hang uselessly. The vets were baffled, extra tests were carried out, Krabbe's disease was suspected but discounted. His spine is arched at the back though an x-ray revealed nothing.

This didn't stop Edgar from getting around. He spent lots of time pottering around in the garden, giving out to neighbourhood dogs, having a little dig, paddling in the pond and wandering about with Kingsley, his big friend from next door. But he tired quite easily, since his fore-legs were having to do all the work of getting him about. His hind legs merely prop up his back end.

Edgar was sent to a hydratherapy unit where he responded well to treatment. He improved to such an extent that he was in such good condition that he could be re-homed. He went to a local family on 15 August 2016. This is a very happy result for a very brave and spirited little dog.

Edgar is only one of the many deserving dogs who went to new homes.

It is worth mentioning that Dogs' Friends doesn't have a rigid age policy when re-homing. This allows us to give older people the companionship of a dog which can enrich and lengthen their lives.

Financial Results

The charity received total income in the year of £100,573 of which £35,642 came from dog adoptions and £48,931 was from donations. The charity was also grateful to receive grants of £10,000 from Pets at Home and £6,000 from the Jean Sainsbury Trust. A further £8,649 was raised from fundraising activities. Total expenditure was £106,795 and the net income for the year of £2,427 has been taken to the General Fund.

The 2015 income and expenditure has been amended following a decision by the Trustees to reflect comments made by the Charity Commission regarding the inclusion of kennelling costs. A decision was taken by the Trustees in 2013 to pay £24,000 per annum to Rosemary Peacock, a trustee, as rent for the use of her land and premises in order to provide kennels and other areas for the dogs awaiting adoption. The Trustees agreed this on the grounds that it was a much more cost-effective way of housing the dogs than the use of commercial kennels, which had proved to be very expensive.

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A provision for kennelling costs had been made in the accounts for 2013, 2014 and 2015 although no monies had actually been paid to Rosemary Peacock. As the charity had not gained approval from the Charity Commission to pay this money to a trustee, it was agreed that the provision should be removed from the accounts in 2016.

The transportation cost of £5,841 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. This also includes visits to vets and dog groomers.

The Trustees have been applying for grants and other funding in order to meet the 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 19 April 2017 and signed by its order.

Rosemary Peacock
Chair

John Thurmand
Secretary

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Dogs' Friends
for the year ended 31 May 2016**

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2016 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
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19 April 2017

Dogs' Friends
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 May 2016

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from charitable activities		100,573	83,067
Incoming resources from fundraising activities		8,649	7,620
Total incoming resources		<u>109,222</u>	<u>90,687</u>
Resources expended			
Costs of charitable activities	3	(106,795)	(86,985)
Net Incoming resources		<u>2,427</u>	<u>3,702</u>
Reconciliation of funds			
General Fund brought Forward		6,367	2,665
General Fund carried Forward		<u>8,794</u>	<u>6,367</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 May 2016

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	9,783	4,083
Current assets			
Stocks		8,800	15,000
Bank current account		13,043	87
		<u>21,843</u>	<u>15,087</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(22,832)	(12,803)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		<u>(989)</u>	<u>2,284</u>
Net assets		<u>8,794</u>	<u>6,367</u>
Funds held			
General fund	6	8,794	6,367
		<u>8,794</u>	<u>6,367</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board on 19 April 2017 and signed on their behalf by;

Rosemary Peacock - Treasurer

John Thurmand - Secretary

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 May 2016

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 and other buildings	10% straight line
Office Building	5% 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 Grants received

Grants received during the year were as follows;

Pets at Home	£10,000
Jean Sainsbury Trust	£6,000

We are very grateful to those organisations for supporting our work.

3 Operating profit

This is stated after charging:

	2016	2015
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>300</u>	<u>1,605</u>

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4 Tangible fixed assets

	Kennelling and office building £
Cost	
At 1 June 2015	8,027
Additions	6,000
At 31 May 2016	<u>14,027</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 June 2015	3,944
Charge for the year	300
At 31 May 2016	<u>4,244</u>
Net book value	
At 31 May 2016	<u>9,783</u>
At 31 May 2015	<u>4,083</u>

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5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2016	2015
	£	£
Trade creditors	15,195	3,701
Other creditors	6,707	7,764
Accrued expenses	930	1,338
	<u>22,832</u>	<u>12,803</u>

6 General Fund	2016	2015
	£	£
At 1 June 2015	6,367	2,665
Net incoming resources for the year	2,427	3,702
	<u>8,794</u>	<u>6,367</u>
At 31 May 2016	<u>8,794</u>	<u>6,367</u>

7 Trustees' Remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration for their work as trustees.

The Trustees have calculated that the value of the time that the 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. In 2013, the Trustees agreed that a fair rent to pay to Rosemary Peacock for this facility would be £2,000 per month, although no payments have actually been made to her. Following advice from the Charity Commission, the provision which had been made in earlier years for this cost has been removed.

Trustees are also re-imbursed for expenses they incur on behalf of the Charity.

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Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 May 2016

	2016	2015
	£	£
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Dog Adoption income	35,642	30,100
Grants received	16,000	-
Other donations and appeals	41,777	33,066
Donations in kind from Trustees	7,154	19,901
	<u>100,573</u>	<u>83,067</u>
Fundraising	<u>8,649</u>	<u>7,620</u>
Cost of Charitable Activities		
Employee costs:		
Self-employed kennel staff	8,812	6,877
Travel and subsistence	1,948	1,396
	<u>10,760</u>	<u>8,273</u>
Animal welfare costs:		
Vaccinations	8,656	9,125
Neutering costs	8,821	9,545
Microchipping	1,200	1,064
Operations	19,250	18,648
Veterinary referral costs	32,899	12,731
Animal feed, dog tags and grooming	4,660	3,755
Transporting dogs	5,841	6,221
	<u>81,327</u>	<u>61,089</u>
Premises costs:		
Repairs and maintenance	637	606
Light and heat	688	1,812
Cleaning and premises costs	6,588	5,544
Skip hire and waste disposal	390	703
	<u>8,303</u>	<u>8,665</u>
Administration costs:		
Printing & stationery	163	606
Telephone	947	994
Bank charges, online bank charges and interest	1,660	2,206
Insurance	2,595	2,463
Advertising	-	133
Depreciation	300	1,605
Miscellaneous	610	276
	<u>6,275</u>	<u>8,283</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	-	250
Solicitors fees	-	20
Website costs	130	405
	<u>130</u>	<u>675</u>
	<u>106,795</u>	<u>86,985</u>