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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026
FOR
RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY

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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
CE022510 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1190386

Registered Office
c/o Rosedale Kennels
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Trustees (as at date of signing)
David James ALMOND
Robert Keith TICE
John WHITTAKER
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and is governed by its constitution, last amended 10th July 2020. It was entered into the Register of Charities on 13th July 2020.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Retired Greyhounds Canterbury is a public benefit entity whose objects are to promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for greyhounds which are in need of care and attention by reason of retirement from the racing industry, sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances and ill usage, rehoming such greyhounds where possible and educating the public in matters pertaining to responsible dog ownership and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among dogs, with a particular focus on retired racing greyhounds.

Retired Greyhounds Canterbury currently has 5 trustees who support the work of the charity. They collaborate with the treasurer, who also serves as a trustee, and the kennels manager to advance the objectives of the CIO.

RISK MANAGEMENT

In addition to making sure that the proper procedures are in place to offer a reasonable level of assurance against fraud and error, the trustees have a responsibility to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed. These responsibilities are fulfilled by an independent examination of our annual report and accounts, a frequent evaluation of our risk assessment processes, ongoing monitoring, and appropriate action where necessary. Trustee meetings take place frequently throughout the year.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The trustees use the Charity Commission's recommendations on public benefit when organising the charity's operations. The trustees specifically consider how scheduled activities will support the charity's goals and objectives.

In addition to advocating for the humane treatment of greyhounds and increasing public awareness of them, our purpose also includes providing essential care and safety for the dogs that are brought into our care while they are looking for new homes.

Our goal is to rehome such greyhounds when it is feasible and to give suitable care, protection, treatment, and security for greyhounds that require it due to illness, abuse, bad conditions, or retirement from the racing industry. Also educating the public in matters pertaining to responsible dog ownership and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among dogs, with a particular focus on retired racing greyhounds.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Every person connected to the charity rose to the challenges of finding new homes for the greyhounds within the fiscal year 2025-2026. The rising cost of living for all parties involved—including prospective adoptees—made this increasingly challenging. The events team, manned by a group of dedicated volunteers, continued to attend a number of organised events in the county of Kent, these currently are Pawfest, Greyfest, Paws in the Park, Staple country fayre and Dog Show, Chestfield Fun Day, Quex Park Kent County Show and Lord Whisky Fun Day, Additionally, where requested the team have undertaken ad-hoc attendance at local events with the aim to further promote the charities aims and objectives. Further to these there are two organised monthly walks at Botany Bay and Liminge, these are primarily attended by adoptees of greyhounds, from the charity. The walks raise public awareness of the charity's rehoming side and to allow the opportunity to increase donations. Furthermore, it gives adoptees the opportunity to talk about issues they may have with their own animals.

The dog walking volunteers continued to help the charity by offering enrichment activities for the greyhounds away from the kennels, which enhanced awareness about the re-homing part of the organisation.

The charity is honoured to work in conjunction with the Pets Foundation Charity. This avails the charity to partake in awareness days at their local Pets at Home premises. Volunteers from the charity attend a specific number of days at the stores, notably at Easter and Christmas , these plan events generate significant income for the charity.

The collaborative efforts of the events team, dog walkers, volunteers at Pets at Home, and the individual who regularly attends the Central Park track in Sittingbourne each Saturday evening collectively generate substantial financial contributions that support the charity's rehoming objectives.

Between April 2025 and March 2026, fifty four dogs were re-homed through the efforts of various groups. This figure is marginally higher than that of the previous year, which is good given the ongoing cost of living conditions. The rehoming challenge is a national concern affecting numerous charities.

The charity works with Arena Racing Company (ARC), which manages the Central Park Racing (CP) track in Sittingbourne. The kennel manager communicates regularly with representatives from the company to maintain working arrangements.

FUTURE PLANS

Preserving the charity's finances is a top priority for the upcoming fiscal year.
We will continue to build on relationships with current supporters of the charity and explore alternative methods of income generation and ways of raising the profile of the charity.

The charity maintains £23,243 in a separate account as contingency reserve funds.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has, for financial prudence and by mutual agreement with the kennels, reduced the number of dogs directly in the care of the charity to 18 at any one time. This has aided us in maintaining our financial stability and carrying on with the retired greyhounds who come to us for re-homing.

Our primary sources of funding include homing donations made by new owners at the time of adoption, as well as income fees linked to each greyhound, which will going forward also be supported by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain because we are one of their certified homing centres.

Donations are collected at events on an ad hoc basis, and individuals can contribute by standing order or by completing Gift Aid forms, which generates additional income.

Our capacity and approach for fundraising are still being developed. Our priorities still include developing direct relationships with individuals and groups within the community and creating excellent presentation materials. Additionally, we will continue our relationship with Pets at Home Stores in Ashford and Sittingbourne to maintain our status as preferred charity partners.

The charity's contingency reserve fund was originally set up in case of exceptional veterinary fees for any individual dog that came into our care. This was to ensure that any dog could receive treatment if needed without finances restricting the provision of required care and treatment, thereby not compromising the health and wellbeing of dogs in the care of the charity.

Additionally, to make sure:

- RGC has sufficient funds to meet its obligations as they fall due
- RGC can allow for contingencies which may arise – such as:
- a) loss of a major supporter
- b) an orderly closure of the charity being required

THE TRUSTEES THANK

The staff and volunteers at Rosedale kennels without whom the charity could not exist. Our volunteers for their enthusiasm and commitment to everything we do and our donors who generously support the charity and enable its continuance.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

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Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

Trustees are tasked with maintaining accurate accounting records that reflect the financial status of the charitable organisation and ensure compliance with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for protecting the charity's assets and implementing reasonable measures to prevent and identify fraud or other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5th October 26 and signed on its behalf by:

ROBERT TICE

JOHN WHITTAKER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts *of Retired Greyhounds Canterbury* for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the ACT

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name of examiner: Mrs Jennifer Sherwood FCA
Address: 29 Cherry Orchard, Chestfield, Kent, CT5 3NH
Date:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2026	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations	70,090		70,090	62,058
Fundraising	100		100	712
Gift aid	4,326		4,326	3,858
Dogs out	6,475		6,475	6,075
GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain)	22,260		22,260	18,700
Other (including commission and legacy income)	5,463		5,463	4,250
Sales of Greyhound Equipment	1,811		1,811	1,496
	110,525	-	110,525	97,149
Investment income				
Bank interest	418		418	380
Total receipts	110,943	-	110,943	97,529
Payments				
Charitable activities				
Kennelling	73,609		73,609	56,277
Veterinary	14,272		14,272	8,357
Purchases of Greyhound Equipment	339		339	1,285
Purchases of goods for resale	605		605	1,109
Branch equipment	4,624		4,624	318
Volunteer expenses	145		145	95
Costs for maintenance	697		697	103
RGC Vehicle expenses			-	355
Insurance	1,082		1,082	1,054
Bank and card machine charges	254		254	175
Website hosting	252		252	135
GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain)	-		-	700
Independent Examiner Fee	350		350	350
Repayments / Sundry	101		101	36
Total payments	96,330	-	96,330	70,349
Net of receipts / payments	14,613	-	14,613	27,180
Cash funds last year end 31/03/2025	101,415		101,415	74,235
Cash funds this year end 31/03/2026	116,028	-	116,028	101,415

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2026	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Cash funds				
CAF Cash A/c	63,720	-	63,720	49,526
CAF Gold A/c	23,662	-	23,662	23,243
	87,382	-	87,382	72,769
Gift aid				
HMRC	1,280	-	1,280	1,145
Total assets	88,662	-	88,662	73,914
Liabilities				
Kennelling				
March 2026	6,273	-	6,273	6,370
Other				
March 2026	102	-	102	-
Total payments	6,375	-	6,375	6,370

Sign on behalf of the trustees of the board on _____

Signature: R Tice Date: 5th October 26

Print name: ROBERT TICE

Signature: J Whittaker Date: 5th October 26

Print name: JOHN WHITTAKER