Trustees' Annual Report

For the Period: 30th May 2025 to 24 September 2025
Charity Name: Buddies Dog Training
Registered Charity Number: 1211307
Principal Address: 36 Hill View Drive, Coppull, Chorley. PR7 5DG

1. Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)**, registered on 9th December 2024 . It is governed by its formal **Constitution**.

The legal Trustees manage the charity. New trustees are selected and appointed by a majority vote of the existing trustee board based on their relevant skills and experience in dog training, disability support, or charity management.

Trustees who served during this period:

- Sarah Elaine Fairhurst
- Karen Fairhurst
- Caroline Kelly
- Janette Kennelly
- Elizabeth Gore
- Julie Robertshaw

2. Objectives and Public Benefit Statement

The charitable object of the CIO is to relieve the needs of disabled, sick, and elderly people across **West Lancashire, Greater Manchester, and the Liverpool City Region**. We achieve this by providing specialised disability assistance dog training to help individuals remain as independent and socially active as possible.

Public Benefit Statement:
The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the **Charity Commission's** general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and planning our activities.

The charity provides a clear public benefit by delivering structured training that transforms pet dogs or carefully selected dogs into life-changing assistance animals. This directly reduces social isolation, boosts mental and physical well-being, and empowers vulnerable individuals to navigate daily life safely and independently. No harm arises from our purposes, and any private benefit to individuals is purely incidental to carrying out our charitable aims.

3. Achievements and Performance

Despite a modest annual income of £741 the CIO has successfully achieved its goals for the year by focusing on local, community-led assistance dog training sessions.

During this financial year, the charity:

- Provided structured training guidance and assessments for **8** assistance dog teams. One of those teams has now passed all 3 levels of rigorous assessments to become our first fully qualified assistance dog and handler team. A second team is currently preparing for their third assessment and the remaining teams continue their training through various levels.
- Conducted community training is based in Heskin , West Lancashire to helped handlers safely access public spaces, public transport, and shops with their dogs.
- Supported elderly and disabled beneficiaries in overcoming barriers to independence, enabling them to remain active members of their local communities.

4. Volunteer Impact

The CIO relies heavily on the dedication of our voluntary team to deliver its objectives. During this financial year, a core team of **5 volunteers** contributed approximately 400 **total hours** of service.

The nature of their activities included assisting with dog training handling, organizing local venue spaces, coordinating matching processes for handlers, fundraising, advertising and managing administrative tasks. Without this valuable volunteer contribution, the charity would not have been able to support our beneficiaries across three major regions on our limited financial budget.

5. Financial Review & Reserves Policy

The charity's total income for the year was **£741**, primarily raised through subsidised training subscriptions, public donations, in memory donations and fundraising events. Total expenditure was **£312,** which was spent directly on training venue hire, insurance, and specialized dog handling equipment.

Reserves Policy:

The charity held a bank balance of **£428** at the financial year-end. The Trustees maintain a reserves policy to hold a minimum of **£400** in cash. This ring-fenced amount ensures the CIO can securely cover fixed public liability insurance and administrative overheads for the next 12 months, protecting our ongoing training commitments.

6. Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature 1: _____
Full Name: Sarah Elaine Fairhurst
Position: Trustee / Chair
Date: 10/9/26

Signature 2: _____
Full Name: Caroline Kelly
Position: Trustee
Date: 10/9/26

BUDDIES DOG TRAINING ACCOUNTS

Date	Details	Incoming Club Subs	Incoming Donations	Incoming Others	Outgoing	Balance		Closing Bal	
30/05/25	opening Balance			0.01		0.01			
23/05/25	Elaine Transfer	200.00				200.00			
07/07/25	Mrs H Joy		200.00			200.00			
21/07/25	Hall Rent JUN/JUL				240.00	-240.00			
21/07/25	Complaint13101280			100.00		100.00			
21/07/25	Complaint13101280			31.00		31.00			
21/07/25	bank charge				4.25	-4.25			
19/08/25	bank charge				4.25	-4.25			
08/09/25	Elaine Transfer	200.00				200.00			
08/08/25	Hall Rent Aug/Sep				60.00	-60.00			
11/09/25	Caroline/ Jannette	10.00				10.00			
19/09/25	bank charge				4.25	-4.25	428.26	428.26	a/cs to Sept 25