



The Beagle Welfare Scheme

Registered Charity in England and Wales No 328633

Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2021

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Trustees' Report

Principal Address

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Trustees during the year:

Name	Position
Nigel Wright	Chairman
Jeanine Wilkinson	Treasurer & Vice Chairman
Linda Thomas	National Secretary
Karen Purdon	Trustee for Scotland
Jo Morrison Rowe	Trustee for Merchandise
Jane Ferguson	Friends of Beagle Welfare Administrator
Katharine Wilson	Fundraising Co-ordinator

Advisors

Independent Examiner

Ian Barrett FCA, FCIE
Barretts Chartered Accountants
and Chartered Tax Advisers
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its constitution adopted 25 March 1990 as amended 24 March 1996, 31 March 2007, 28 March 2010, 24 March 2013, February 2015 and 23 March 2016.

Objectives of the Organisation

The principal objective of the charity is to promote humane behaviour towards beagles by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, shelter and security for beagles which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and in particular to:

- rehome beagles; and
- encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

Method of Appointment

Trustees are elected by the council members at the ACM or at an SCM.

Governance

The charity is run by a group of seven trustees who meet between four and five times a year. They have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they set for the organisation.

New trustees appointed by the council are provided with the Charity Commission's guidelines for trustees and an operations manual is maintained to provide guidelines and assistance to all volunteers.

The organisation is centralised around the rehoming centre in Staffordshire, supported by a network of volunteers and trustees across England, Wales and Scotland and an additional rehoming centre in Kent. We are so grateful for all those who help out with transporting, home checking and assessing beagles and fostering (many times at short notice) across the country to enable our charity to continue its work.

The rehoming centre in Staffordshire remains the main point of contact for all surrendered and adopted dogs across the country with all the record keeping happening all in one place enabling more effective administration.

Through 2021, the Trustees met through a mix of video calls and face to face meetings and due to covid 19 held the ACM over a video call. In the future the Trustees will continue to use video calls and face to face meetings.

Objectives and Activities

The main focus of the charity continues to be rehoming unwanted beagles as well as providing advice and education for owners. The dogs in our care are fully assessed where possible, while they are waiting for homes, resulting in fewer unsuccessful placements.

Being a breed specific rescue, Beagle Welfare will generally only accept pure beagles, or at least those who have the general physical beagle characteristics. People who come to beagle welfare looking to rehome a dog will be looking specifically for a beagle.

More general, non-breed specific, dog rescue centres are better able to rehome cross breeds although beagle welfare work closely with these rescue centres to help out if they are trying to rehome a beagle.

Beagle Welfare are often approached to rehome beagles who are known to be aggressive and have bitten in their previous home. We will always look at the circumstances of the beagle's issues but if it becomes apparent that the dog will not be able to be safely rehomed, then we will refuse to take the dog, as we have a duty of care to our staff, volunteers, the public and to people who come to us to adopt a beagle.

Potential owners make enquires through our website, social media and via other animal welfare groups.

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Where we can, we make every effort to attend shows, fairs and other functions where we hope to educate the general public about what owning a beagle entails. We also warn people about the dangers of buying through puppy farms and we encourage them to go to reputable breeders. Some of the advice and assistance that we have given owners has resulted in a number of beagles remaining with their owners, when they might have otherwise been given up for rehoming. Following the relaxation of Covid 19 rules in 2021 we managed to get out to attend a few beagle events and also were on the rescue stand at the Discover Dogs exhibition in November 2021.

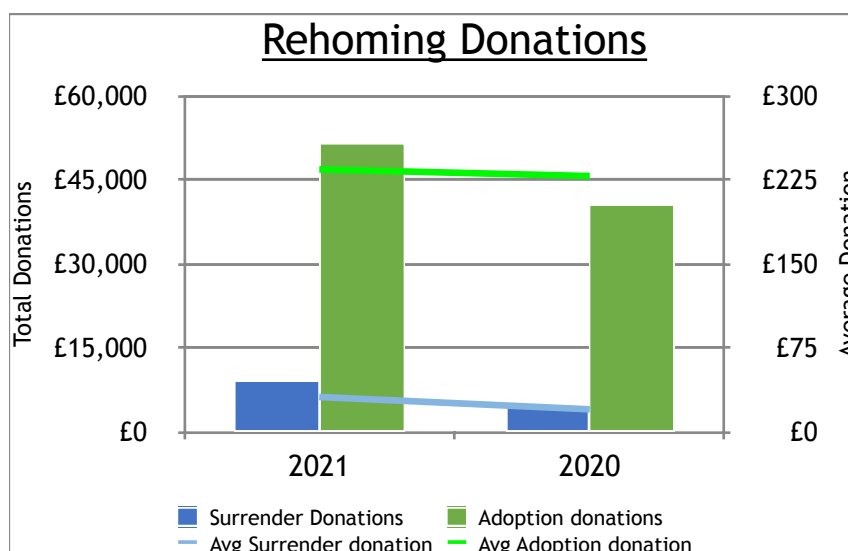
Beagles Statistics

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total dogs added to our register during the year	234	291
Dogs successfully rehomed during the year	177	219
Dogs euthanised Beagles are only ever euthanised where they are seriously ill or have serious aggression issues and would not be safe to be rehomed to another family.	5	6

2021 saw 291 beagles added to our register for rehoming. Whilst this figure was higher than in 2020, due to the increase in dog ownership in lockdown, it was lower than we expected and lower than in 2019 pre-pandemic. We were still expecting an influx of beagles as the country started to move out of lockdown and back to a more normal way of life, however this did not materialise in 2021, but in January 2022 we started to be inundated with beagles surrendered for rehoming with most of them having anxieties and behavioural difficulties.

We have continued to use social media to let people know that we are here for more than just beagle rehoming and providing advice on dealing with the various issues that we know are typical in beagles as well as other breeds.

Donations for beagles being adopted were up 34% on 2020 mainly due to the increase in the number of beagles rehomed although the average donation per dog is slightly down on 2020.



Education

We see one of the main roles of Beagle Welfare as providing education to new owners and existing owners who are having difficulties with their beagle. We are conscious that the more good advice we can provide reduces the number of beagles given up for adoption and therefore reducing the number of beagles who are having numerous homes and displaying challenging behaviours.

A number of volunteers and employees have taken dog behaviour training courses and we offer support to any volunteer/employee who wishes to undertake training. We also have access to an APDT qualified behaviourist who will assist with more difficult cases.

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Our Adoption Process

All potential owners - particularly those new to the breed, undergo rigorous interviews and also a home check to ensure that they are suitable and understand all the pro's and con's of beagle ownership. The application process begins with an enquiry to our rehoming coordinators to assess their initial suitability. If successful, applicants are asked to view our short film on beagle ownership to get a good understanding of what having a beagle entails.

If at this point they feel that a beagle is still for them, then we ask them to complete an application for adoption which is then reviewed by our team and if deemed successful in this application, a home check is undertaken. One of our volunteers will visit them at home, usually with a beagle, to assess the potential owner's response to having a beagle in their home and also to ensure that their home set up is suitable and safe to contain a beagle providing advice of any changes that would need to be made. Volunteers provide feedback to the rehoming centre coordinators who will then review this feedback and decide if the application is successful. The applicant is then contacted and provided with a list of beagles available for rehoming should they still wish to rehome.

All new owners are provided with an adoption pack which contains numerous information booklets about owning a beagle what to expect from your beagle and beagle healthcare.

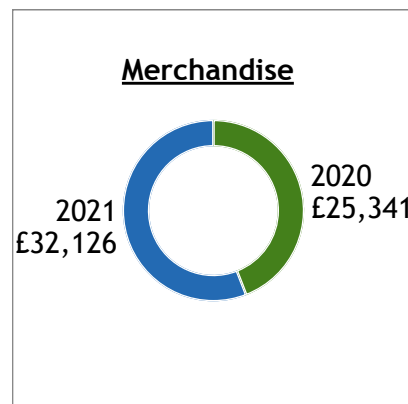


We provide vouchers towards the cost of neutering after the dogs have been in their new home for a minimum of three months giving them time to settle. We also provide vouchers towards training beagles as we recognise the importance of training both owners and dogs and this helps with the settling in and bonding process with a dog.

Sadly we do have some beagles who do not settle in their new homes very well and we often find that their new owners do not give these beagles enough time to get used to their new surroundings and routines. This invariably impacts on the dog causing anxiety and challenging behaviours meaning they are more difficult to find good homes for.

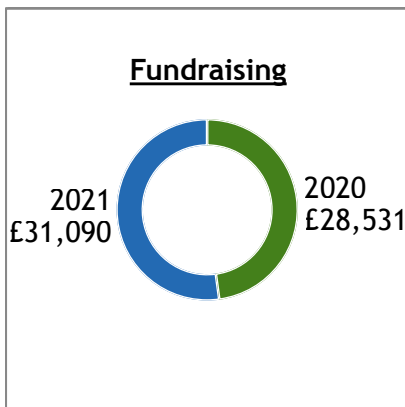
Merchandise

Following on from the success of 2020, profit on our merchandise sales increased by 65% during 2021 to £14,247. Our Trustee Jo Morrison-Rowe has done an outstanding job again for us this year sourcing lots of new and unique items including Beagle Top Trumps and a Beagle Rubiks Cube. Along with the some gorgeous wrapping paper which sold like hotcakes! In between lockdowns, we managed to get to two outdoor events during the year which helped us with the sales of our merchandise. It was lovely seeing our supporters out and about again and we hope to be present at more events during 2022



Fundraising

Again due to Covid 19 the early part of 2021 was certainly challenging for fundraising. However our brilliant supporters kept in contact confirming they would still be fundraising for us during lockdown, which was very encouraging and reassuring. Once again, we were lucky to benefit from sales of Charity Christmas cards and Calendars; and we thank the organisers for their continued support. Many individual beagle groups organised various social media events, including raffles, birthday donations, book sales, sales of Christmas items and lots more.



In March 2021 our fundraising coordinator, Katharine Wilson, launched the Beagle Welfare Auction page on social media and so far it has generated over £5500. We are extremely grateful to individuals and small businesses who have very generously donated items for us to auction. Social Media remains a vital tool for fundraising and a great way for us to keep in touch with our supporters.

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Beagle Welfare were pleased to be able to attend two large fundraising events during the summer; Beaglefest 2021 and Beaglelandia on Tour 2021. Once again Beagle Welfare were very fortunate to benefit from these events. Thanks to the organisers of both these very popular and well attended events.

Our Autumn Campaign was launched in October, in time for bonfire night to highlight the adverse affects fireworks have on some dogs. The campaign, "Don't Make a Noise, Make a Difference" raised funds for our Southern Rehoming Centre in Kent to improve the fencing at the centre and buy new animal weighing scales.

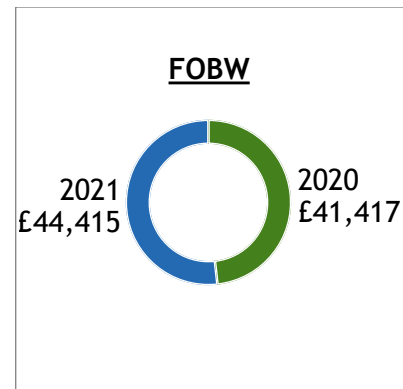


Our Amazon Wishlist continues to be popular with supporters keeping us well stocked from the items on our wish list.

We would like to thank all our amazing supporters who contribute to all our campaigns, events, and fundraiser, congratulations to them all for their dedication to BW and ingenious fundraising ideas we could not achieve what we do with out their help.

Friends of Beagle Welfare (FOBW)

Friends of Beagle Welfare are our regular donors who donate funds to us every year and in return we send them our bi-annual magazine, In Full Cry. Our magazine gives a snapshot of what is going on at the charity and also has numerous articles on activities, behavioural advise and stories from owners about their beagles. Donations from our FOBW have increased 7% from 2020 despite all the difficulties that people have experienced over the past couple of years. We are immensely grateful to our supporters for their ongoing donations without which we could not operate as we do.



Legacies

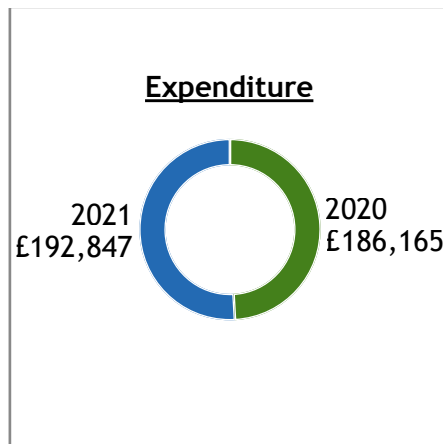
We continue to be extremely fortunate to be a recipient of the generosity of people who remember us in their wills. Funds have been invested whilst the trustees decide how best to utilise these funds for the charity.



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Expenditure

Overall, expenditure for 2021 was under budget by around 24% and around 4% higher than in 2020.

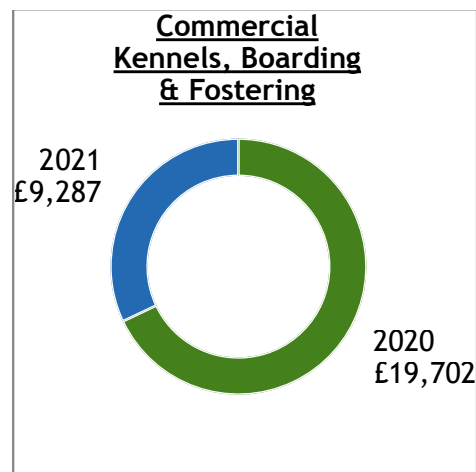


Rehoming Centre Costs

Costs for the rehoming centre were down against budget by £13,285 and higher than 2020 by £11,041. This was mainly due to the lower number of beagles being kennelled at the rehoming centre and lower utility charges following a change to a fixed tariff with a new provider. Wages were also down on budget due to one of the team at the rehoming centre on maternity leave. During 2021 a new bookkeeper was employed on a part time basis to manage the ever increasing workload as it was becoming too much for a volunteer to manage.

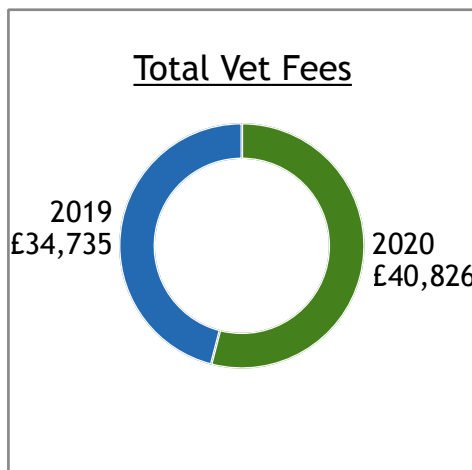
Boarding, Fostering & Commercial Kennel Costs

Due to the lower number of beagles coming into Beagle Welfare for rehoming at the same time, we have been able to accommodate more at our main rehoming centre, therefore the costs for Boarding, Fostering and Commercial kennels are down against budget by £16,713 and from 2020 costs are down by £10,415.



Total Vets fees

Our vets fees have reduced since 2020 and are down against budget, this is mainly due to the majority of vet fees being for the older beagles and being recorded under our "Golden Oldies" category which are slightly over budget and are also up vs last year. The Beagle Welfare Scheme offers support to people who are adopting an older beagle with age related conditions as some people are put off rehoming the older beagles as they are more likely to have higher vet costs.



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Reserves Policy and Related Funds

The primary function of the charity is the re-homing of beagles, to help in the prevention of maltreatment and cruelty to beagles, and in particular to encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

It is the duty of the trustees to ensure that funds are available at all times to pay for these activities with the bulk of these costs being at the main rehoming centre in Staffordshire, together with the charity's related administration costs.

The charity's reserves policy is to maintain the following funds:

1) The Rehoming Centre Base Fund.

The majority of the charity's income comes from donations from The Friends of Beagle Welfare, past and new owners and fundraising. These are uncertain sources of revenue that may not always provide the funds to cover these essential costs. The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserve funds to cover up to a maximum of the next 24 months' planned running costs including Vet costs. As at 31st December 2021 the trustees set aside £208,000 representing the next 24 months' planned running costs of rehoming centre and vet fees.

When planning all of the above activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and feel that the activities of the charity are carried out in accordance with that guidance and that the activities undertaken during the year have provided a benefit to the public.

GDPR

To ensure we can be compliant with the GDPR legislation which came into force in on 25 May 2018, our Trustees, employees and necessary individuals are required to complete GDPR training. All of our volunteers are given guidelines to ensure they maintain the confidentiality & integrity of all personal data they receive whilst undertaking activities on behalf of The Beagle Welfare Scheme.

An annual review will be undertaken to ensure The Beagle Welfare Scheme remains GDPR compliant.

Signed by order of the Trustees



Jeanine Wilkinson
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Beagle Welfare Scheme – charity no. 328633

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for The Beagle Welfare Scheme for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of 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”).

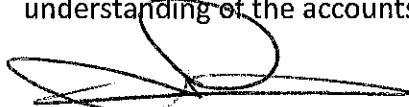
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act or;
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a “true and fair” view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts Chartered Accountants and
Chartered Taxation Advisers
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8th August 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021		2020
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
<i>Investments</i>				
Bank Interest		5,358		5,358
Donations and legacies				
FOBW Donations		44,415		44,415
Gift Aid		21,672		21,672
Legacies		65,574		65,574
Other Donations		30,855		30,855
Rehoming Donations		60,696		60,696
Grants		0		0
Other trading activities				
Fundraising Income		31,090		31,090
Insurance Commission		4,160		4,160
Profit on Disposal of Assets		5,000		5,000
Charitable activities				
Sales		32,126		32,126
Total		300,945	0	300,945
				610,950

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

Fundraising Costs		1,040		1,040	292
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Charitable activities

Accountancy Fees		576		576	476
Bank Charges		4,257		4,257	3,444
Boarding & Fostering/Commercial Kennels		9,287		9,287	19,702
Rehoming Centre		90,683		90,683	79,601
IT Expenses		428		428	883
Depreciation		11,140		11,140	5,477
Education		119		119	0
Equipment		83		83	139
Exhibitions and Room Hire		762		762	175
Gifts and Donations		4,500		4,500	111
Golden Oldies		15,839		15,839	9,159

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Goods For Resale & Fulfilment costs	17,879		17,879	16,556
In Full Cry	8,914		8,914	9,338
Insurance	1,478		1,478	1,354
Legal fees	209		209	35
Miscellaneous	409		409	0
Postage and Stationery	2,735		2,735	2,221
Rehoming Travel	1,736		1,736	1,822
Telephone	120		120	10
Training	718		718	331
Training Vouchers (Dogs)	201		201	42
Vets Fees	19,180		19,180	31,667
Volunteer Travel Expenses	2,171		2,171	558
Website	2,412		2,412	2,772
Hardship Fund	971		971	
Total	197,847	0	197,847	186,165
Net Income	103,098	0	103,098	424,785
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Total funds brought forward	661,700	0	661,700	236,915
Total funds carried forward	764,798	0	764,798	661,700

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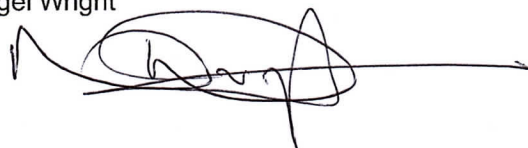
Balance Sheet	2021	2021	2021	2020
As at 31 December 2021	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets				
Fixtures & Fittings	2,975		2,975	826
Land and Buildings	4,416		4,416	6,206
Equipment	8,495		8,495	4,971
Vehicles	16,314		16,314	0
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	32,200	0	32,200	12,003
Current Assets				
Debtors	17,778		17,778	15,382
Stock	3,271		3,271	4,069
Cash at bank	713,317		713,317	633,958
Cash in hand	96		96	205
Total Current Assets	734,462	0	734,462	653,615
Less: Liabilities				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors & Deferred Income	1,364		1,364	3,442
Accountancy	500		500	476
	1,864		1,864	3,918
Net Current Assets	732,598	0	732,598	649,697
Total Net Assets	764,798	0	764,798	661,700
The Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds	764,798		764,798	661,700
Total Charity Funds	764,798	0	764,798	661,700

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 09 April 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Name: Nigel Wright

Signed:



Trustee

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Statement of Cashflows	2021	2020
Cash Flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure)for the reporting period	103,098	424,785
Depreciation charges	11,140	5,477
Interest from investments	(5,358)	(5,105)
Decrease in stocks	798	532
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(2,396)	(3294)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(2,054)	(1670)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	105,229	420,725
Interest from investments	5,358	5,105
Purchase of fixed assets	(31,337)	(5,499)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents	79,249	420,331
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	634,164	213,833
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	713,413	634,164

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

1) Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) Taxation

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

c) Depreciation

Office Equipment	15% straight line basis
Rehoming centre log cabin, shed & kennels	20% straight line basis
Rehoming Centre Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line basis
Rehoming centre and other equipment and vehicles	33% straight line basis

d) Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds

These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2021

2) Grants and Donations

	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Rehoming Donations	60,696		60,696	45,138
FOBW Donations	44,415		44,415	41,417
Other Donations	30,855		30,855	19,381
Grants	0		0	10,000
Legacies	65,574		65,574	413,145
	201,539	0	201,539	529,081

3) Staff Costs and Numbers

	2021 £	2020 £
Net Salaries	43,241	39,780
Social Security Costs	5,446	4,571
Pensions	3,580	3,429
	52,267	47,780
The average number of employees during the year was	3	3

No employee earned more than £60,000.

4) Restricted Funds Summary

The Charity does not have any restricted funds in this year or the previous year.

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5) Analysis for Rehoming Centre

	2021	2020
	£	£
Running Costs	8,219	6,712
Wages	52,267	47,780
Rent and Rates	18,694	18,608
Light and Heat	5,551	2,724
Refurbishment Costs	3,875	1,244
Legal Fees	0	0
Telephone and Internet	1,335	1,523
Vehicle Costs	743	1,011
Depreciation Fees	11,057	5,477
	101,740	85,079

6) Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees received no remuneration but expenses as follows were reimbursed to seven Trustees (2020 seven):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Exhibitions	416	0
Gifts & Donations	0	85
Goods for Resale	0	150
IT Fees	0	28
Fostering & Boarding Costs	3,547	12,849
Fulfilment Fees	3,654	3,020
Fund Raising Costs	689	44
Miscellaneous	26	0
Plant & Equipment	549	0
Postage and Stationery	293	98
Rehoming Travel	648	553
Telephone	120	10
Training	286	321
Travel	2,097	558
Vet Fees	97	
	12,424	17,716

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7) Tangible assets

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
	£		£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 st January 2021	30,885	7,452	11,738	13,194	63,269
Addition	0	3,500	6,862	20,975	31,337
Disposal	0	0	(1,667)	(13,194)	(14,861)
At 31 st December 2021	30,885	10,952	16,933	20,975	79,744
Depreciation					
At 1 st January 2021	24,679	6,625	6,767	13,194	51,266
Charge for the year	1790	1352	1,670	(8,533)	-3,721
At 31 st December 2021	26,469	7,977	8,437	4,661	47,545
Net Book Value					
At 31 st December 2021	4,416	2,975	8,495	16,314	32,200
At 31 st December 2020	6,206	826	4,971	0	12,003

8) Capital Commitments

	Rehoming Centre & Equipment
	£
Authorised and contracted	0
Authorised not contracted	10,000
	<u>10,000</u>

9) Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2021