

**Lucy's Trust**

**Annual Report and Receipts and Payments Account**

**For the period 1st November 2021  
to 31st October 2022**

**Northern Ireland Charities Number: 102210**

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## **Lucy's Trust**

### **References and administrative details**

Charity Name:	Lucy's Trust
Charity Registration Number:	102210
Contact Address:	Rob Durston Photography 81-129 Springfield Road 3rd Floor Belfast BT12 7AE
Trustees:	Dr Olivia Kennedy Mr Robert Durston Ms Charmaine Kennedy
Independent Examiner:	S.M. Vint & Co 8 Newry Road Banbridge BT32 3HN
Bankers:	Ulster Bank

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Trustee board:  
Dr Olivia Kennedy  
Mr Robert Durston  
Ms Charmaine Kennedy

#### Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31st October 2022

The trustees present the annual report and statement of Receipts and payments and Assets and liabilities for Lucy's Trust for the year ended 31st October 2022.

In producing this document and in our activities throughout the year, Lucy's Trust has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that all activities entered into have helped to achieve our objectives, and also to ensure that public benefit is provided.

#### Objectives and activities

The charity's purposes are:

- To relieve canine suffering, and distress by taking in stray, neglected and unwanted dogs, particularly those which have been neglected and require subsequent veterinary attention, and those which have difficulty finding rescue space elsewhere (due to breed or behavioural issues), with the aim of rehabilitating those dogs, providing proper care and veterinary treatment and rehoming them where possible. Where rehoming is not possible to provide permanent sanctuary for those dogs.
- To educate the public in matters relating to animal welfare, treatment and care of animals, specifically the proper care and treatment of dogs, in so doing to encourage a humane attitude amongst the public towards animals. The principal activities of the charity are to work with dogs at the sanctuary who have behavioural issues, to show the general public that these dogs can be worked with safely and their problems overcome, and to provide sound advice and education to the wider public to assist with safe responsible ownership of dogs, to improve both canine welfare, and help prevent dog bites, through proper understanding of dog behaviour. Education is provided on request by direct messaging, via the public forum of Facebook, and by organising information days and talks with qualified canine behaviourists.

#### Achievements, performance and Public benefit

Lucy's Trust continues to take into the sanctuary, where kennel space and time permits, dogs who have issues which preclude them going to a "normal" rescue centre, or finding a home with the public (due to bite history etc). We now mainly take in dogs from other rescues who have a significant bite history, who are feral/semi feral and cannot be placed into public homes, and to which the rescues facilities and environment are not deemed suitable to provide long term care for these dogs with regards to their mental health and therefore their wellbeing. Meeting the criteria of relieving canine distress and suffering.

Win the year beginning October 31st 2021 and ending October 31st 2022, we took in four dogs.

One dog (border collie) came from a public home into our care, through the facilitation of a dog trainer and behaviourist who deemed him unsafe to be publicly rehomed.

One dog came from Almost home animal rescue, and had been waiting on a place here for over two years. He had a significant bite history and was now at high risk of euthanasia.

It was felt that the environment here would be much more suited to his needs, with only his caregivers here, he was able to decompress and avoid his triggers.

A third dog came from Monaghan pound as an emergency, she was to be euthanised the next day. her behaviour in kennels meant that the pound could not rehome her to the public as she showed severe fear aggression.

The fourth dog was a private rehome, an 8 year old springer with mild behavioural issues, but where no place could be found for her (rescues all full) we decided to fit her into our home.

All of these dogs were offered permanent sanctuary at the Trust, and have settled in well and safely. We continued to

provide permanent/temporary sanctuary to over 30 dogs at any one time, and have provided veterinary care for chronic and acute conditions arising in these animals, many of whom are now elderly or geriatric. we provided ongoing treatment and management of arthritis for many of our

dogs.

In the Time period 31st October 2021, until 31st October 2022, we sadly had to euthanise four dogs, Ruby (staffie-15 years old) due to cancer, Cassie, (lab x rottie- 10 years old) due to seizures from bacterial encephalopathy, Suuki (collie x -15 years old) cancer, and Lady (14 yo Pomeranian) due to complications from diabetes.

Behavioural help requests: We are unfortunately now seeing the result of lock down in the behavioural requests for help, requests for surrenders and unfortunately every pound and animal rescue is struggling with the sheer weight of dogs needing placement and help.

It has been unprecedented and will no doubt persist for the foreseeable future.

Other business: We had a portion of roofing replaced in February 2022, and hope to raise funds to replace all roofing in the coming years.

Unfortunately due to Director Olivia Kennedy's ill health in this time period, no progress was made on fundraising.

Lucy's Trust has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that all activities entered into have helped to achieve our objectives, and also to ensure that public benefit is provided.

#### Going concern

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the organisation can continue in its activities and that the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2022 can be signed off as a going concern.

#### Structure, governance and management, governing document and constitution of the charity

Lucy's Trust is governed by Constitution

#### Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting by fellow Trustees. All Trustees must agree on the election of an individual

#### Pay and remuneration

No trustee received any pay or remuneration during the year

#### Organisational structure

Lucy's Trust is governed by the Trustees, and managed by the director Olivia Kennedy, (who is also a trustee)

#### Lucy's Trust- statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee report, and the statement of receipts and payments, and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with income less than £250,000 requires the Trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the organisations transactions, and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the organisation.

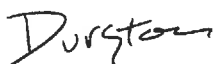
They are also responsible for safe guarding the assets of Lucy's Trust, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities .

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Trustee 1



Trustee 2



Date 29th August 2023

## **Independent Examiner's Report to Lucy's Trust**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st October 2022 which are set out on pages 5-6.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

  
Thomas Vint FCCA  
For and behalf of S.M. Vint & Co  
Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors  
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## Lucy's Trust

### Statement of Receipts & Payments for the period ended 31st October 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations/Grants	2	14,341	0	14,341	43,975
<b>Total income</b>		<u>14,341</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,341</u>	<u>43,975</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising Funds	3	613	0	613	679
Charitable Activities	3	28,627	0	28,627	20,586
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>29,240</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,240</u>	<u>21,265</u>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources</b>		<u>-14,899</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-14,899</u>	<u>22,710</u>

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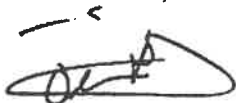
### Statement of Assets & Liabilities- Period Ended 31st October 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Reconciliation of funds at 31.10.22</b>		
Total funds brought forward	31,675	8965
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	<u>-14,899</u>	<u>22,710</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>16,776</u>	<u>31,675</u>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>16,776</u>	<u>31675</u>
	<u>16,776</u>	<u>31,675</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
Unrestricted funds	16,776	31,675
Restricted funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>16,776</u>	<u>31,675</u>

Notes on pages 7 to 8 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 5 to 6 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29th August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Olivia Kennedy - Trustee



Mr Rob Durston - Trustee



## Lucy's Trust

### Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31st October 2022

#### 1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

##### a) Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The charity generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the charity has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis

##### b) Income

Income is accounted for on a cash receipts basis as the amount is collected and are allocated as either restricted or unrestricted funds according to the terms of the donation.

##### c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on a cash payments basis.

##### d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

##### e) Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the Charity.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

#### 2. Income and endowments from:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
Donations	12,346	0	12,346	42,693
Gift Aid	995	0	995	1,282
Grants	1,000	0	1,000	0
	<u>14,341</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,341</u>	<u>43,975</u>

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### Notes to the financial Statements for the year ended 31st October 2022

#### 3. Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
<b>Raising Funds</b>				
Advertising and Website	163	0	163	163
Fundraising Boxes	0	0	0	0
Paypal Fees	13	0	13	1
Just Giving Fees	437	0	437	515
Fundraising Events	0	0	0	0
	<u>613</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>613</u>	<u>679</u>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Feeding	10,776	0	10,776	8,738
Bedding	1,145	0	1,145	1,050
Livestock and Veterinary	10187	0	10,187	8436
Insurance	594	0	594	719
Equipment	0	0	0	75
Repairs and Maintenance	4,304	0	4,304	0
Waste Disposal	988	0	988	936
Dog Licence	0	0	0	32
Accountancy	600	0	600	600
Sundry	33	0	33	0
	<u>28,627</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28,627</u>	<u>20,586</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>29,240</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,240</u>	<u>21,265</u>

#### 4. Taxation

Lucy's Trust is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

#### 5. Analysis of trustee remuneration and expenses.

No Trustee received any payments other than for out of pocket expenses incurred.