

## **Lucy's Trust (NIC102210)**

**Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st October 2023**  
**Approved on 29th August 2024**

### **Registered Address:**

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## **Trustee Board**

- Dr. Olivia Kennedy
- Mr. Robert Durston
- Ms. Charmaine Kennedy

## **Introduction**

The trustees are pleased to present the annual report for Lucy's Trust, outlining the charity's activities, achievements, and financial health for the year ended 31st October 2023. All activities were carried out with careful consideration of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to meet our objectives and provide meaningful impact.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The purposes of Lucy's Trust are:

1. **Canine Welfare:**
  - To relieve canine suffering by taking in stray, neglected, and unwanted dogs, particularly those requiring veterinary attention or those with behavioral or breed-related challenges.
  - To rehabilitate, provide care, and rehome these dogs where possible. For dogs that cannot be rehomed, we provide permanent sanctuary.
2. **Public Education:**
  - To educate the public on animal welfare, focusing on the proper care and treatment of dogs.
  - To encourage a humane attitude toward animals through direct communication, public forums, and educational events with qualified canine behaviorists.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Sanctuary Work:**

- Continued to provide sanctuary for over 30 dogs at any given time, focusing on those with behavioral challenges or significant bite histories.
- Provided extensive veterinary care, including chronic and acute treatments for elderly and geriatric dogs.

### **Notable Cases:**

- We took in three feral pups (Ray, Kate, and Maria) from Corran Kennels, providing care and rehabilitation.
- Cared for long-term residents facing health challenges:
  - **Jocko**, who arrived in 2020, passed away in February after a long and courageous battle with lymphoma.
  - **Bindi**, a beautiful black-and-white Bull Mastiff who joined us in 2015, faced significant health challenges. Diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma (HSA) in September after a collapse and a pericardial effusion in August, Bindi required emergency treatment and specialized care from a heart specialist.
  - **Xena**, a wonderful lurcher who became part of Lucy's Trust in 2013, experienced a spinal stroke in September.
  - **Vic**, a long-term resident, passed away in early September after two years of management with multiple medications to ease arthritis. Sadly, his condition progressed to renal failure.
  - **Dave**, another cherished member of Lucy's Trust, passed in June due to a suspected collapsing trachea.

### **Behavioral Support:**

- This year saw a notable downturn in behavioral help requests, as more individuals expressed an unwillingness to work with their dogs' challenges. Unfortunately, many sought to surrender their pets instead of pursuing training or rehabilitation. This trend highlights ongoing difficulties post-lockdown, with pounds and rescues overwhelmed by the volume of dogs requiring placement and care.

### **Infrastructure Improvements:**

- Replaced roofing over Bea and Ray's kennel in April 2023, with plans to fundraise for additional repairs.

### **Public Benefit**

Lucy's Trust ensures all activities align with its mission to relieve canine suffering and educate the public. Initiatives this year included:

- Providing direct behavioral advice through messaging and public forums like Facebook.

- Hosting information sessions led by canine behaviorists to promote responsible dog ownership and prevent dog bites.

## **Financial Review**

The trustees have reviewed budgets for the upcoming year and are confident that funds are sufficient to continue operations.

### **Going Concern:**

The charity remains financially stable, with adequate resources to meet its objectives in the coming year.

## **Governance and Structure**

### **Governing Document:**

Lucy's Trust operates under its Constitution, with oversight provided by the trustee board.

### **Trustee Recruitment:**

Trustees are elected by the board at the Annual General Meeting, with unanimous agreement required for appointment.

### **Organisational Structure:**

The charity is governed by its trustees and managed by Director Dr. Olivia Kennedy.

### **Pay and Remuneration:**

No trustees received pay or remuneration during this financial year.

## **Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing:

- The annual report and financial statements in compliance with applicable laws.
- Accurate accounting records to detail transactions and safeguard assets.

## **Closing Remarks**

Despite challenges, Lucy's Trust has continued to provide essential services to some of the most vulnerable dogs in our community. The trustees extend heartfelt thanks to all supporters who make this work possible.

### **Signed on Behalf of the Trustees:**

Trustee 1 

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