



**SCOTTISH GREYHOUND  
SANCTUARY**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**2022/2023**

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## 1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The Charity's name - **Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary**

Registered Charity number – SC039701

### Principal Address

Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary  
24 Abbotshall Road  
Cults  
Aberdeen  
AB15 9JX

### Names of the Charity Trustees on date of approval

(All appointed at the AGM on 24-09-2023)

Ms Suzanne Simpson - Chairperson

Ms Emma McLeod - Vice Chairperson

Mrs Kirsteen Campbell - Secretary

Ms Lorraine Baker – Treasurer

## 2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document - Charity Constitution

### Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

1. An executive committee of four trustees shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the organisation and shall consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.
2. The Trustees must be fully paid up members of the organisation.
3. Individuals will be given a Trustee position only after receiving nominations, for a specific Trustee position, from two other fully paid up members of the organisation. In the event of multiple individuals being nominated for the same Trustee position, the position will be filled by a private ballot of those present at the annual general meeting at which time a majority vote must be gained by one individual.
4. The election of a Trustee will be for one year. All Trustees shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election.



### 3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

1. Provision of a sanctuary to Greyhounds and Lurchers in danger.
2. Provide veterinary care where needed and to ensure the wellbeing of Greyhounds and Lurchers.
3. Promote responsible Greyhound and Lurcher ownership and in particular encourage the neutering of dogs as a means of reducing stray, abandoned and unwanted Greyhounds and Lurchers.
4. Forge links with other Greyhound and Lurcher rescue organisations i.e. Greyhound Awareness League, in furtherance of the organisations objectives.
5. Provide support and aftercare through the rehoming of Greyhounds and Lurchers.
6. Co-ordination of fundraising through events and raising awareness of the Greyhound and Lurcher breed.
7. Provision of home checks on all potential foster/adoption carers to ascertain individual and home suitability.
8. To always provide and meet the needs of any Greyhound and Lurcher placed in rescue.
9. Promote and implement an equal opportunities policy for all. The organisation will not discriminate on grounds of gender, marital status, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, disability, race and religion, or other grounds of discrimination not prohibited by legislation such as sexual orientation, age etc when considering potential adopters of Greyhounds placed in their care.
10. Monitor rehoming to ensure compliance with adoption agreement and where this is breached take action to terminate adoption.





#### 4. SUMMARY OF MAIN ACTIVITIES IN PURSUANCE OF THESE OBJECTIVES

1. The Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March 2023. To celebrate we held simultaneous walks in several parts of the country.
2. During 2022/2023:
  1. Applications to adopt went from 234 the previous year to 167.
  2. 64 home checks were carried out (97 the previous year).
  3. 72 dogs were adopted.
3. SGS have as one of its most important objectives/purposes to provide veterinary care to dogs in our care. This has cost £23,585.00 in 22 – 23.
4. All of SGS's dogs have been neutered and spayed (normally prior to rehoming), and this is crucially important to the charity and the management team, unless otherwise advised by a vet.
5. Our ongoing commitment to a full and comprehensive "follow up service" has continued and indeed strengthened through team members 'buddying up'.
6. SGS have maintained fundraising activities during the year (refer to accounts). This Money has been raised by the following methods: memberships, sponsoring a kennel, online raffles and auctions.
7. Homechecks have returned to normal, with video calls still being used for remote locations.
8. Meeting the needs of dogs in our care has been successfully maintained, whilst making judgements about need and cost implications to ensure that the charity's money is spent wisely on behalf of all its members.
9. Finally, the commitment to a fair and transparent rehoming system has been maintained and no issues have arisen regarding any concerns.





## 5. ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE, AND FUNDRAISING

It's been another busy year for the SGS team! We celebrated our 15 year anniversary in March with co-ordinated walks around the country which were a huge success. We've also started up regular group walks throughout Scotland and hope to continue these in the new year.

One of our team members has taken on the role of fundraising co-ordinator and has run many successful campaigns over the year. These include regular raffles and auctions, as well as our annual calendar competition. These are all held via social media and have proved extremely popular with our supporters. They've also helped to generate more interest in SGS with the wider public.

We had a successful summer show in June and intend to have a Christmas show towards the end of the year. Our can collections have been popular in the past and we hope to have these again over the festive period.



 **Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary**  
**15th Anniversary Celebration Walk**

*Sunday 12th March 2023*

**SIX WALKS  
SIX VILLAGES  
SEVEN WALKS!**

**Beveridge Park, FIFE  
The Kelpies, FALKIRK  
Queens Park, GLASGOW  
Foggieton, ABERDEEN  
Whitelee Wind Farm, EAGLESHAM  
Two churches walk, Dunvegan, ISLE OF SKYE  
AND Dechmont Law, Livingston**

## 6. FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary

Charity Number: SCO39701

### Statement of Receipts and Payments -

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Donations	14,312	11,485
Sales	1,923	2,469
Fundraising	9,373	9,769
Membership	492	394
Sponsor a Dog	68	825
Bank Interest	559	46
Other Income	9,580	10,662
	<b>36,307</b>	<b>35,650</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Veterinary Expenses	23,585	30,374
Kenneling	0	0
Dog General Expenses	9,410	688
Purchases	2,152	4,207
Insurances	630	796
Professional fees - Accountant		
Sundry Expenses	237	567
Telephones	359	405
Postage & Stationary	0	10
Fuel	0	0
Bank Charges		
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>36,372</b>	<b>37,046</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>-66</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>BALANCES</b>		
Bank balance b/f 1.4.2022	88,786	
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-66	
Balance c/f 31 March 2023	<b>88,720</b>	
Closing Bank Balance as at 31 March 2023	<b>88,720</b>	

## Treasurer's Report, Lorraine Baker, SGS Treasurer

The report covers the period 01.04.22 - 31.03.23, as in previous years, also the tax year.

I have included the summary sheet as we would if we were in person, please see this above, this is submitted to OSCR.

### **Thinking about SGS Expenditure or payments on above schedule**

Veterinary Expenses are always our single highest expenditures significantly lower than last years, £23,585 versus previous year of £30,374.

Long term foster dog 1 payment by sgs for librela etc - vet fees £2000.  
Homeless dog – cruciate surgery £2316.

Long term foster dog 2 - £1,000 during this year but we will come back next year and see the total for an unusual infectious foot complaint.

General dog expenses – chips, some meds bought not via a vet and refunds of money paid out by adoptive parents to vets:

- Chips, kennelling in emergency situations and food making up the bulk of this.
- £3500 refunded to 2 adoptive parents.

Purchases:

- Harnesses, muzzles calendars and clothing for resale.

Insurance:

- After changing the company used this has settled at £630 this year.

Sundry Expenses:

- Included purchase of food for the show, a token of appreciation for judge and cost of hall

Telephones:

- Currently 2 lines held by SGS and this has increased in cost and is now £28 a month. As well as the 0845 cost each month of between £3-£5.

### **Thinking about money in or Receipts on above schedule**

- Receipts up on previous year but not by much £36,307 as opposed to £35,650.
- Donations were up by approximately £3000.
- Sales are down and remain low to date.
- Fundraising from give as you live, charities trust etc remains very similar £9373 as opposed to £9769.
- Memberships remain steady at nearly £500 last years was £400.
- Sponsor of dog is lower.
- Bank interest has shot up due to interest rates increasing.
- Other income has remained very similar at £9580 and previous year was £10,662.  
The total of other income and donations added together has been a bit up and down –  
£18325 in 19/20  
£23671 in 20/21  
£22147 in 21/22  
£23892 in 22/23

At the end of this period the balance available to SGS was £88,720.

Income received by SGS over this year was £36,370 primarily from donations (£14,312) and from fundraising (£9373). A significant portion of this being gift aid of £5,731.

Expenses paid over this period was £36,372 with the most significant expense being veterinary fees of £23,585.

This left a deficit over the year of -£66 the 3rd year in a row for a deficit.

We, as a charity, must submit these accounts along with AGM documentation by 31.10.2023 and intend to do so shortly before the end of September 2023.

Many Thanks once again, go to our independent examiner Mr Mills.



## 7. FUTURE PLANS

Like all rehoming charities SGS faces many challenges at the moment. The post pandemic recovery period saw large numbers of dogs, adopted during lockdown, being surrendered to rescues. Applications to adopt from SGS plummeted, causing a bottle neck of dogs in kennels and foster home. The SGS team has been exhausted at times trying to juggle homeless dogs, fosterers, rehoming and follow ups.

### In light of this, the plan for 2023/24 includes:

1. Appoint additional team members to help with rehoming.
2. Redefine and clarify team roles.
3. Review written policies and procedures.
4. Continue with fundraising activities.
5. Christmas and spring shows.
6. Foster recruitment video.
7. Finalise foster book and devise a programme of training.
8. Review training on offer.
9. Encourage volunteers to access training and educational courses through SGS.

### Suggested team structure:

1. Rehoming – initial calls, home check coordination, introductions and meet ups.
2. Homeless dogs & Fostering.
3. Follow ups & Helping Hand.
4. Fundraising & Events.
5. Media & Communications.
6. General administration.





## 8. FINAL COMMENTS

SGS has had another difficult year for a few reasons but the main one being the cost of living escalating substantially. This had the knock-on effect resulting in applications being down roughly 65 on the previous year and Home Checks 30 down.

This had also resulted in more greyhounds and lurchers needing homes from trainers and owners due to rising costs, people returning to work, and changes in peoples' situations.

Rescue work is hard but my SGS Team, as always, pulled together and we rehomed roughly 80 beautiful Sighthounds with every Team member helping in the way that suits them the best individually. This involves many different aspects from phone calls and home checks to fundraising, media work, treasury, shows and admin. All these and many more are necessary in running a successful Rescue.

I would like to thank all my Team for their dedication to our cause and hope, looking forward, SGS will succeed in rehoming many more beautiful sighthounds.

The lovely feedback we get from new greyhound and lurcher owners to say how these special dogs have enriched their lives in so many ways is all the spur we need to carry on our work.

Suzanne Simpson,  
SGS Chairperson, October 2023.

