

Supporters of Stray and Abandoned Dogs (SOSAD)

Annual Report for the Period

Ended 30th April 2020

**SUPPORTERS OF STRAY AND ABANDONED DOGS (SOSAD)
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR TO 30 APRIL 2020**

Registered charity number: 1128800

Charity's principal address: 17 Gladstone Terrace
Binchester
Bishop Auckland
DL14 8AP

Trustees: Mrs Maureen Anne Ward
Mr Simon Robin Donnelly
Mrs Kathryn Parker

Supporters Of Stray and Abandoned Dogs ("SOSAD")

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Trustees Annual Report for year ended 30 April 2020

Charity's address for correspondence

Brigadoon Cottage, 17 Gladstone Terrace, Binchester, Bishop Auckland DL14 8AP

Trustee Details

Trustees during the year were:

Simon Donnelly	Chair
Kathryn Parker	Secretary
Maureen Ward	Treasurer

Trustees are elected annually at Annual General Meeting

Governance

The Charity is managed in accordance with its constitution dated 1st April 2008. It meets its objectives primarily by making donations to Deerness Kennels Rescue Centre (Stray Action for Dogs – SAD) to assist with funding of monthly Veterinary Fees so that all the dogs receive any attention and treatment that they require, which greatly enhances their wellbeing and their chances of being re-homed. SOSAD volunteers also work with the Rescue Centre in the exercising of the dogs and other activities to aid the welfare and re-homing processes.

Review of the year

This year has been one of change for SOSAD, ending with the effective shutdown of the Rescue Centre due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Darlington Council ended the contract for handling strays mid-year which left the Centre dealing only with "Hand-Ins" (where owners are unable to continue looking after their animals for a variety of reasons). The re-homing these dogs is arguably a more valuable service to the general public in that it removes one element of stress from the families at a difficult time and hopefully minimises trauma for the animals themselves. An average of 15 dogs per month were re-homed during the year.

Income for the year was somewhat reduced as, although Wet Noses Day was its usual success, Waggy Tails Day was affected by very bad weather and income from the event was some £2k down on the previous year. Significant donations included £1750 from the

estate of the late George Zachariah of London and £1000 from Starbucks in Durham. Donations to Stray Action for Dogs were higher due to the nature of the Vets care required and the net result for the year was a loss of £5562. SOSAD is able to withstand this loss due to having built up substantial resources over previous years.

Looking forward, the Rescue Centre remains closed at the time of writing but the owners intend to re-open as and when conditions allow, albeit at a lower level of activity. To this end, they have terminated the contract with the RSPCA for kennel facilities. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends in the Durham & District RSPCA for their help and support since the start of SOSAD and to wish them success in finding alternative facilities.

At the moment it is unclear when activities will re-commence, and at what level. There is, however, an expectation of an increase in the number of animals to re-home due to a great number of people acquiring dogs during the Covid-19 Lockdown and then finding their care too onerous when life becomes more normal. Hopefully this increase will be relatively short lived but we can only wait and see.

Simon Robin Donnelly

Simon R Donnelly

2/7/2020

Kathryn Parker

Kathryn

24/6/20

Maureen Anne Ward

Maureen Anne Ward

5/7/2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Supporters of Stray and Abandoned Dogs (SOSAD) for the year ended 30 April 2020

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directors 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 charity 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Name J D Holloway FCA DChA
Ribchesters, Chartered Accountants
Finchale House, Durham DH1 1TW

Date:



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Draft Financial Accounts for the Year to 30 April 2020

	<u>2019 - 20</u>	<u>2018 - 19</u>
Receipts		
Charity Walk, Dog Shows	3083.70	5318.41
Sainsbury's Arnison Centre		
Sainsbury's Brandon		165.41
Coop Ushaw Moor		
Grants		
Donations	5440.93	4250.93
Donation from Deerness Kennels re Exercise Area		
Raymond Prest Bequest		10000.00
Shows & Fairs	204.25	
SOSAD Calendars	190.00	105.00
Great North Run / Bike Ride		
Bank Interest	56.20	41.88
Total Actual Receipts	8975.08	19881.63
Net Receipts for the period from the "200" Club	2568.00	3140.00
Total Earned Revenue	<u>11543.08</u>	<u>23021.63</u>
Payments		
Donations to Stray Action for Dogs (SAD)		
to assist with Vets Fees	15170.00	11628.00
Trustee Insurance		284.00
Public Liability Insurance	353.26	337.53
Sundry Items	103.52	120.94
Event Expenses	646.21	616.22
Purchase/Upkeep of Equipment	203.62	149.99
SOSAD Calendars	374.65	374.65
Audit Fee	180.00	180.00
Web Site development	74.25	74.25
Total Payments in period	<u>17105.51</u>	<u>13765.58</u>
Net Profit (Deficit) for year to 30 April 2020	(5562.43)	9256.05
Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2020		
Cash at Lloyds, Darlington	9607.00	14622.63
" " " " (Raymond Prest Bequest)	6829.00	10000.00
Lloyds Deposit Account	5.40	5.40
Virgin Deposit Account	7535.97	7479.77
Cash at Bank - "100" Club	15572.70	13166.7
Cash at Bank - "200" Club	4082.00	3920
Total Assets	<u>43632.07</u>	<u>49194.50</u>
Accumulated Fund		
Balance at 1 May 2019	49194.50	39938.45
Profit (Deficit) for the Year	(5562.43)	9256.05
Balance at 30 April 2020	<u>43632.07</u>	<u>49194.50</u>