



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Kerry Blue Terrier Rescue

For the year ended 30th September 2019

INTRODUCTION

A BIG THANK YOU

The 30th September 2019 saw the end of the Kerry Blue Terrier Rescues third financial period. It has been a very busy year with sales of calendars, t-shirts, hoodies and poopy bags. Thank you to the supporters and businesses who have donated goods for auction, paid us commission on goods sold via us, held talks in which their kerries have been involved, held fund raising events, taken up incredible personal challenges and have sent in donations, both one offs and on a monthly basis. A special thank you also goes to those who love promoting the breed by going along to public events and shows and getting their kerries out there. Their work is never ending, painstakingly well planned and very tiring, yet they answer every question and draw more and more people every day to the breed. We are unable to quantify the amount of money and time that our wonderful foster parents, home checkers and transporters have spent and also send our sincerest gratitude to each and every one of them. You're all unbelievably kind and we can never find the words to say thank you enough.

THE WORK OF OUR TEAM

We are a small team of dedicated volunteers who love the Kerry Blue Terrier, love our work and are passionate about what we are doing. We continue to strive to be a professional rescue, and stay true to our claim that all funds will go toward the dogs under our care and the general running of the rescue (eg Rescue insurance, Independent Accountant etc). No funds are taken by any of the principles of the rescue for work they do, nor will ever be, and we will not charge owners to rehome their dogs. Our day to day work is performed on whatsapp, email and the phone, and we are all in everything! As part of the extended professional service that we offer we take great pride in providing a valuable aftercare team to all families of fostered and rehomed dogs which also includes advice and support from everything from general care to behavioural issues. Our team also look after the dogs that we have had in emergency kennelling, providing valuable liaison work between kennel hands, veterinarians and trainers during the year. We have built up a splendid network of transporters, with the use of social media and friends and also have kennels who regularly help us out when we are in a tight spot due to lack of foster or adoptive parents on our books.

FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

As a reputable rescue we adhere to strict money handling procedures. All donators are urged, wherever possible to send funds directly to the bank using either PayPal or transfers to our bank account. Where funds are given in cash, I am informed of the amount raised and will ensure that funds are banked at the earliest possible opportunity. In the case of our sponsored events, we request that sponsorship forms are used and submitted at the end of the event, so any donations promised can be collected and sent on to the bank. With regards payments, all invoices are discussed between the team and we have one signature for payments under £50 and two for any invoices that are over £50.



BANK BALANCE AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Our combined PayPal and bank balance as at 30th September was £6,285, however after adjustments for invoices/provisions due for payment, our adjusted cash balance is approximately £5,762. Our policy is to keep a cover of around £1,000 for any emergencies and we can see that this clearly exceeds that amount. It has given us the chance to be able to help retrain dogs whilst in kennels, whilst evaluating them and also to provide all necessary veterinary services.

INCOME

Calendars and poop bags – The Rescue received £2,396 from sales of calendars and poop bags. The Calendars produced a profit of just under £780 and the poop bags broke even. All poop bags sold from 1st October 2019 will be making a profit for the rescue.

Hoodies and t-shirts – After deducting the cost of printing, postage and packaging from income received from the sales of hoodies and t-shirts the rescue made a profit of £83.

Easy fundraising – The Rescues account with Easy Fundraising has made nearly £965 during the year. We have been very surprised by how lucrative the Easy Fundraising initiative has been so please do keep shopping via your easy fundraising accounts as we do receive payments from them on a quarterly basis.

Events and donations – In respect of events the rescue has been given the sum of £1,970 and received donations amounting to £8,575. This is incredible and a heartfelt thank you goes out to all who have donated to us.

EXPENDITURE

Vets expenses – The Rescue has spent and provisioned the sum of £3,684 as at 30th September. This is a reduction on last year. All veterinary costs have been necessary as we have had quite a few issues with dogs who have been handed to us. It has taken a while to rehome some dogs with behavioural problems and whilst they are in our care our policy is to maintain them in good health and fix any problems that we are aware of. Whenever it has been possible the rescue has used vets who are sympathetic to our cause and who offer discounts. Foster parents tend to use the vets with whom they already have a good working relationship with and they too have managed to obtain discounts when it has been feasible. Whenever vets are involved, and where it is possible, we ask for an estimate for treatment and every case is discussed, both on a financial and a treatment level, between ourselves to establish the best care package for the dog.



EXPENDITURE - continued

Costs of Care of Un-homed and Foster Dogs – During the year we have seen a reduction in costs of fostering, training and kennelling. This is due to the fact that we have increased our foster parent base, as promised last year, and have been able to get dogs into homes faster than the prior year. A total of £2,298 has been spent and provisioned on the care of dogs who were in kennels. Where we deem it necessary to provide professional training or behavioural reshaping performed by 3rd parties, we seek a report from them on the dog and retain this on the file of each dog. We also work alongside a couple of kennels who very kindly look after and train the dogs who we had on our books. Transport costs to 30th September amounted to a further £251.

Rescue Professional Costs – As at 30th September the costs public liability insurance, Annual Return fee and a provision for an independent account amount to nearly £1,165.

Finance charges – As at 30th September the Rescue has been charged £367 by Pay Pal. This sum is deducted from income generated by PayPal.

Books and Christmas Cards – the costs of production of book and cards for the 2017 Christmas campaign were written off in their entirety in last year's financial statements. All remaining books and cards will be on sale again in a couple of years. The costs of production of the poopy bags have been written off on their entirety in this years accounts and any further sales will be considered profit until they are fully sold out.

And Finally – Formal accounts to 30th September 2019, prepared by an independent accountant, are available and will be provided upon request.

If you have any questions, thoughts or offers to help that may spring to mind whilst you read this please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to respond, clarify or guide you to the appropriate pages on our website.

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