



# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## Kerry Blue Terrier Rescue

For the second annual period ended 30th September 2018

### INTRODUCTION

The 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 saw the end of the Kerry Blue Terrier Rescues second financial period. It has been a very busy year with sales of calendars, t-shirts, hoodies, books, Christmas cards and a couple of auctions along with fund raising events hosted by some of our wonderful volunteers and supporters. We have also been very surprised by how lucrative the Easy Fundraising initiative has been. This has all been done in addition to our regular work of fostering and adoption of the Kerry Blue Terriers who come to our knowledge. We also pride ourselves 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 aftercare 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 at Board level and we have one signature for payments under £50 and two for any invoices that are over £50.

### BANK BALANCE AS AT 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

Our combined PayPal and bank balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> September was £3,720, however after adjustments for invoices/provisions due for payment, our adjusted cash balance is approximately £1,500. Our policy is to keep a cover of around £1,000 for any emergencies.

### INCOME

**Calendars, books and Christmas Cards** – The Rescue received £1,415 from sales of 113 calendars, £322 from sales of 228 cards and £409 from the sales of 37 books and after deducting printing, postage and packaging we are pleased to announce that we made a profit of £ 704.

**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 £72.

**Discount donations** - The Rescue has a few supporters who very kindly send us funds based on a percentage of their sales. As at 30<sup>th</sup> September we have received £30 from our “Friends of the Rescue”.

**Easy fundraising** – The Rescues account with Easy Fundraising has made nearly £940 during the year.

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**Events and donations** – In respect of events the Rescue has been given the sum of £2,840 and received donations amounting to £6,210. This is incredible and a heartfelt thank you goes out to all who have donated to us. This includes items for auctions, the auctions themselves, marathon runs, sale of bric-a-brac, a walk across the Humber Bridge and various donations that we received both regularly or as one-off surprises from supporters, fosters, adopters and people who have had to give up their dogs.

We are unable to quantify the amount of money and time that our wonderful foster parents, home chakers and transporters have spent and also send our sincerest gratitude to each and every one of them.

I also want to take this opportunity to mention a special family who sent us all the donations collected upon the passing of a very close family member as had been requested by him. We are truly humbled and often at a complete loss for words. Thank you.

## **EXPENDITURE**

**Vets expenses** – The Rescue has spent and provisioned the sum of £4,241 as at 30<sup>th</sup> September. This is a significant increase 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. We have seen that the lack of people wanting to foster and adopt Kerry's has a knock-on effect on us. It is taking a lot longer to home dogs and whilst they are in our care and 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 level and a treatment level, between ourselves to establish the best care package for the dog.

**Costs of Care of Un-homed and Foster Dogs** – During the year we have seen a reduction in costs of fostering and training and quite frankly this is because we haven't had access to as many foster homes as we did in the previous year. However, we saw a very large increase in kennelling fees, for the same reason. A total of £3,582 has been spent and provisioned on the care of dogs who were in kennels. This is a new cost to the Rescue and we are going to endeavour next year to increase marketing to help us find suitable foster homes. Where we deem it necessary to provide professional training or behavioural reshaping performed by 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 have on our books and who are awaiting their forever homes. Transport costs to 30<sup>th</sup> September amounted to a further £454.

**Rescue Professional Costs** – As at 30<sup>th</sup> September the costs public liability insurance, Annual Return fee and a provision for an independent account amount to nearly £980.

**Finance charges** – As at 30<sup>th</sup> September the Rescue has been charged £195 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 have been written off in their entirety in this year's financial statements. All remaining books and cards will be on sale again in a couple of years.

**And Finally** – Formal accounts, 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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