



**RESCUE  
HOTEL**

*...Supporting Cardiff Dogs Home*

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2021 – 2022**





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## Foreword

### A message from the Chair of Trustees

The past year has been full of highs for our wonderful little charity. Most notable was the opening of our very own veterinary suite on-site at Cardiff Dogs Home. As Trustees, we want to help make dog ownership more accessible for those on lower incomes and our fantastic facility is helping to achieve this by keeping down costs for peoples much loved pets.

As the charity has grown, we have taken on our first salaried employee, Kitty, to work as a receptionist at our veterinary facility we are also proud to be members of the Living Wage Foundation.

The home has been incredibly busy towards the latter part of the year and it is apparent that the temporary appeal of having dogs during COVID is now wearing off. The kennels are now regularly at or over capacity with a waiting list of dogs to come in. We also had 3 separate litters of puppies over Christmas!

Our kennel Fundraiser has continued to grow over the past year and looking forward to next year I am confident that we will reach our £500,000 target for the kennel refurbishment as well as saving the lives of countless dogs who without us would have no hope.

Toria Acreman  
Chair of Trustees





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## Veterinary Suite

In early 2021, in conjunction with our vet Jamie Allen, we commissioned Cabins and Containers UK to make a custom built portacabin that would meet the requirements needed to run a small veterinary practice at Cardiff Dogs Home.

The facility was built thanks to generous donations from Admiral, Battersea and PetPlan; and in July we took delivery of the cabin.

The Rescue Hotel Health Centre was designed and built to provide onsite veterinary treatment to the dogs who find themselves at Cardiff Dogs Home as a way of controlling our veterinary costs. However, the facility was also made available to members of the public who were struggling to access mainstream vets to provide affordable health checks, vaccinations, neutering and dental procedures.

An official opening ceremony was held in August with our wonderful ambassador Sam Warburton being there to cut the ribbon. When opening the facility Sam said "Another huge step has been taken by The Rescue Hotel & Cardiff Dogs Home to continue to help not just the kennelled dogs, but all dogs who require the help they need. The affordable vet practise is another example of the amazing work the charity is providing. Thanks so much to everybody who has supported the scheme."





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Jamie Allen, The Rescue Hotel Health Centre vet, said: “The Rescue Hotel Health Centre was born out of a desire to improve the health and welfare of the less fortunate dogs in Wales and the difficulties that many people are encountering with access to mainstream veterinary practices.”

The practice aims to keep prices affordable so people have an opportunity to get treatment for their dogs which they otherwise might not be able to have, and are pitched below mainstream vet practices.

Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling and Environment, Councillor Michael Michael, said: “I’m delighted to see this joint venture between Cardiff Dogs Home, The Rescue Hotel Charity and Jamie open up for Cardiff

residents. Over the past 18 months we’ve seen an increase in pet ownership as we’re spending more time at home, so it is more important than ever that dog owners have access to high quality and affordable services for their pets.”





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## **Behavioural Training Partnership with Valleys Dog Training**

Our partnership with Kahla at Valleys Dog Behaviour and training has continued over the past year. As well as working with dogs on site Kahla has worked with fosterers and adopters to help our dogs have the best chance of success in a home environment once they leave the hotel.

### **Case Study - Zach**

Zach arrived after another local dogs home asked our vet to euthanise him due to severe behavioural issues. Zach was young and physically healthy but had just had a terrible start to life, it wasn't his fault that he had never been taught the skills he needed to be a good boy. Thankfully, Kahla assessed Zach and believed she could work with him to help improve his reactivity towards dogs and humans.



Zach was by no means an easy case to work with but through consistent positive reinforcement and taking things at his pace Zach was able to open up and start trusting humans and was even able to make a couple of doggy pals. He stayed with us continuing his training for a year before he eventually found his perfect forever home. If the charity was not here and able to employ a behaviourist to work with these specialist cases, Zach would not be with us today, healthy, happy and living life to the fullest.



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## Miles for Smiles



Miles for Smiles was our first fundraising campaign, with no previous experience of running an event like this we were unsure of how successful it would be.

We were overwhelmed with the response from the general public, over 70 people signed up to run or walk one of 4 set distances (30, 44, 70 or 100 miles) across the month of September. Our aim was to make the challenge accessible for people

of all ages and abilities with the youngest participant being just 6 years old.

Our participants battled the elements throughout the month putting in the hard miles all to help put a smile on our dogs faces.

It wasn't just our participants that got behind the event though but also their friends and family whose combined sponsorship of our participants raised a huge total of £13,793.





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## Kennel Refurbishment

Our kennel refurbishment fundraising appeal has remained an important focus throughout the year. At present the kennel fund stands at £201,295.

The funds have been raised through a combination of activities these being our online JustGiving campaign, fundraising events such as our annual Miles for Smiles and the Cardiff Half Marathon and a number of successful grant applications.

We are extremely grateful to Animal Friends Insurance, Battersea, the Kennel Club and Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust who have provided major grants towards this fund.

In addition to the funds raised we have also developed a partnership with Capital Construction Training Group who wish to help with project management for the build and provide some much needed expertise on a pro bono basis.

We still have a significant amount to raise towards our £500,000 goal but everything is moving in the right direction to give the dogs the kennels they deserve.

**HELP  
SAM WARBURTON**  
REFURBISH THE KENNELS AT CARDIFF DOGS HOME

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## Financial Activities

	2021/2022	2020/2021
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
Unrestricted Income	£46,346	£74,559
Restricted Income	£118,057	£88,238
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>£164,403</b>	<b>£162,797</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Unrestricted Funds Expended	£49,597	£29,517
Restricted Funds Expended	£17,781	£22,549
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>£67,378</b>	<b>£52,066</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>£207,757</b>	<b>£110,730</b>

## Dogs Supported

Total number of dogs taken in to facility – 558

Dogs returned to owner – 249

Dogs successfully adopted – 156

Dogs temporarily boarding (social services etc) – 85



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## Lives Saved

Sadly, over the last year we have seen an increase in dogs coming in to our care in poor condition. We will do everything we can to save these dogs lives and we are delighted to help so many dogs in need.

Unfortunately, it isn't possible to save every dog though and we have dealt with the heartache of losing some of the dogs in our care as their illnesses were just too much to treat.



### Sharon's Story

Sharon was found abandoned on the roadside after being hit by a car. She was taken to the local PDSA by a member of the public and when no owner came forward to claim her, they asked if we would help, of course we said yes. Sharon has an extremely complicated break to the leg which required specialist surgery in Bristol. Once on the operating table the surgeon realised due to the lack of bruising Sharon's injury was not new and she has most likely been suffering for a long time. The damage was also much worse than initially feared and it was not possible to

save her leg. Sharon bounced back brilliantly after her operation though and is now happily adopted living her days as a happy go lucky tripod dog.



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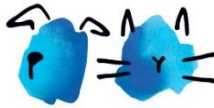
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## Thank you

We are continually blown away by the support we receive each and every day. In the past year we have built lasting relationships with many people and organisations. We can't name all of our supporters but here are a few of the corporate partners who have gone above and beyond for the dogs in the past year.



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*Making a difference for dogs*



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