

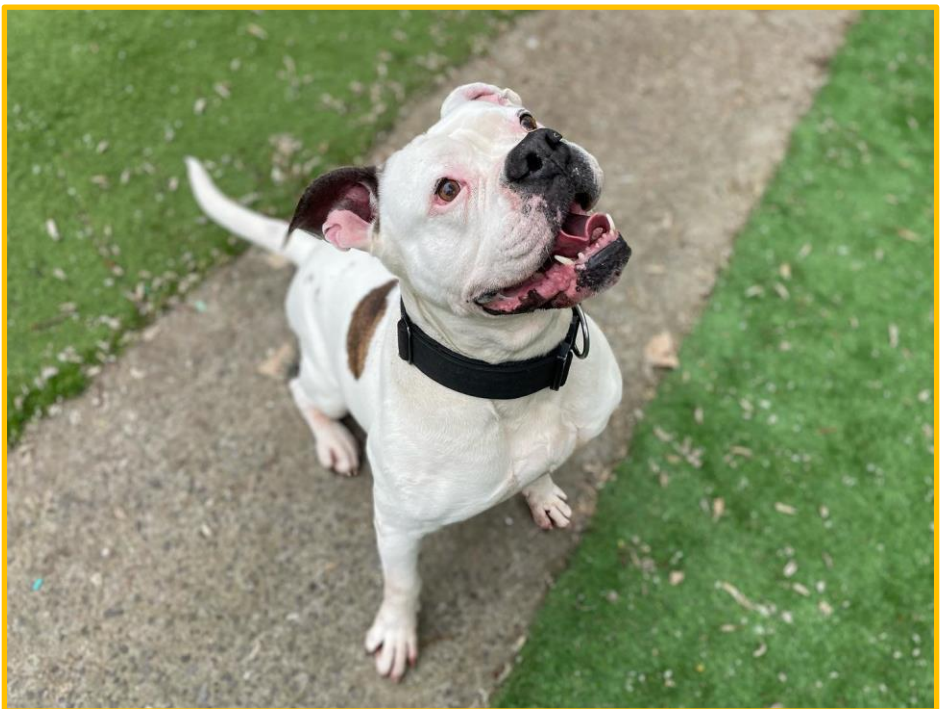


**RESCUE  
HOTEL**

*...Supporting Cardiff Dogs Home*

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2022 – 2023**



## Foreword

### A message from the Chair of Trustees

The past 12 months have been very tough for the charity as we really start to feel the effects of the post pandemic boom in dog ownership coupled with the cost of living crisis. Rescues across the Country are regularly at or over capacity and we have certainly been inundated with dogs the past 12 months. Despite the challenges faced I am extremely proud of what we have achieved this year.

Some huge strides forward have been made with the kennel fundraiser project with £134,768 added to the pot bringing us to over 65% of the total amount needed. I am confident that we will soon meet our target in the coming months as a major application for the remaining funds needed has been submitted to the Pets at Home Foundation for this huge project.

In January we were fortunate enough to set up a partnership with a local businessman who wishes to remain anonymous to cover the cost of neutering all dogs prior to being rehomed. Until January, due to finance restrictions, we were only able to cover the costs of high value breeds being neutered so this is a massive achievement for the organisation. We hope that by taking one added cost off potential adopters it will help our dogs to find the loving homes they so deserve in these difficult financial times.



Toria Acreman  
Chair of Trustees



## Lives Saved



### Olive's Story

Olive came to us after her vets reached out to us for help. Olive had badly broken her leg and needed over £4,000 worth of treatment to get her fit and healthy again. As Olive's owner was unable to afford the cost of the surgery, he requested she was put to sleep. Olive was just 7 months old with her whole life ahead of her. When we were asked if we could help to spare her life of course we said yes! We arranged for her to have the specialist surgery required and

nursed her through her recuperation post-surgery. Olive has now been signed off by the vet with a clean bill of health and is living her best life in her forever home.

### Coba's Story

Coba was found abandoned suffering from a horrific skin condition. He was just 8 months old when he arrived with extremely painful open sores on his back, neck and face. His eyes were also in a terrible state and he needed entropion surgery to ensure he was no longer in pain. Despite the immense

pain he was suffering, Coba was the sweetest soul who showered his carers with kisses during his daily wound cleaning sessions. Once his wounds were healed and he was well enough Coba underwent the surgery he needed to ensure his eyes would no longer cause him any pain. He has now been successfully adopted and is living the life he deserves, full of love and happiness.



## Lives Lost

### Remembering Bandit

The harsh reality of rescue work dealt us all a hard blow this year when we lost the life of our dear Bandit. He came to us after his devoted owner sadly passed away and stayed at the Hotel for almost a year waiting to find his special people but sadly that day never came.

Bandit started every day with a smile and everyone who met him fell in love. He was the most polite, gentle old soul who loved nothing more than a lazy stroll and a tasty treat followed by lots of cuddles. His age caught up with him and he sadly passed away in kennels. We are distraught that he didn't get to live out his final days in the comfort of a warm home, but we can take some solace that he was cuddled by his favourite people as he crossed the rainbow bridge.



## Veterinary Suite

Our veterinary suite is now in its second year of operation and going from strength to strength. The facility has enabled the charity to manage veterinary costs for the dogs who find themselves at CDH as well as offering services to other rescue centres in the South Wales area and the general public.



In the past year a total of 882 dogs were neutered at the clinic and 2527 vaccinations were administered.

## Behavioural Training Partnership with Valleys Dog Training

### Hazely's Story

Hazley is typical of so many of the dogs who find themselves at the hotel. She came in as a stray so we don't know much about her past, but we could tell she had certainly missed out on socialisation training from an early age.

Thankfully through fundraising we are able to employ a behaviourist onsite who worked with Hazely to help her overcome her fear of other dogs. She came on so far since she first arrived at the hotel that she was able to go on walks with our volunteers and other dogs to help with her training and best of all got adopted into a wonderful home with her very own fur sister.





## Community Events

The past year has been incredibly busy on the events front with an average of 2 events in the community held each month. The events will see us take some adoptable dogs from the home to various local businesses across the Cardiff area. The events give the dogs a much-needed break from kennels as well as helping them find their forever homes as a number of dogs have been adopted as a direct result of the meet and greets.

Plans are also underway to host our first ever dog show. Bark in the Park will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at Victoria Park in Barry. This is the most ambitious public event we have ever put on as a charity and we are expecting the turn out to be fantastic.



## Famous Dogs

For the past few months our dogs have had stars in their eyes as famous musicians playing in Cardiff have been lining up to meet our pups. Thanks to a new partnership formed with Cardiff International Arena our volunteers are able to take some resident dogs along before the show to make some musical friends.



When musicians are away from home, working a gruelling tour schedule a visit from our furry friends can really bring a smile to everyone's faces. The promotion we gain from it is also helping us to raise funds and get more dogs adopted. The dogs have recently met The 1975, First Aid Kit and Lewis Capaldi with many more musicians keen to get involved.



## Media Coverage

In December we were pleased to be part of Dr Sean McCormack's feature on ear cropping on BBC's The One Show. Sadly, we have seen a huge rise in the trend of cropped dogs in the UK. We know that cropping is happening in this Country illegally and we have seen a huge surge in dogs arriving at the Hotel with cropped ears.

The practice is inhumane, barbaric and only done for vanity purposes. It is happening behind closed doors in unsanitary conditions and often without pain relief. Sadly, it is legal to import dogs from abroad who have cropped ears and this is acting as a smoke screen for the illegal cropping of dogs to happen in this Country.

We hope by being an advocate for these dogs and highlighting the issue we can educate the general public on why cropping is not necessary and that an outright ban is needed.





## Facts and Figures

### Financial Activities

	22/23	21/22	20/21
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
Unrestricted Income	£225,407	£46,346	£74,559
Restricted Income	£24,029	£118,057	£88,238
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>£249,436</b>	<b>£164,403</b>	<b>£162,797</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
Unrestricted Funds Expended	£71,534	£49,597	£29,517
Restricted Funds Expended	£2,436	£17,781	£22,549
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>£73,970</b>	<b>£67,378</b>	<b>£52,066</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>£175,466</b>	<b>£207,757</b>	<b>£110,730</b>

### Dogs Supported

Total number of dogs taken into facility – 659

Dogs returned to owner – 285

Dogs successfully adopted – 251

Dogs temporarily boarding (social services etc) – 5

CDH dogs neutered by TRH – 95

Volunteer hours – 13,471

Volunteer dog walks – 16,097



## 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.

