



SCOTTISH GREYHOUND SANCTUARY

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

2021/2022

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1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The Charity's name - **Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary**

Registered Charity number – SC039701

Principal Address

Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary
24 Abbotshall Road
Cults
Aberdeen
AB15 9JX

Names of the Charity Trustees and date of approval
(All appointed at the AGM on 29th August 2021)

Ms Suzanne Simpson - Chairperson
Ms Emma McLeod - Vice Chairperson
Ms Jacqueline Brown - Secretary
Ms Lorraine Baker - Treasurer

There were no changes to trustee positions during this period

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document - Charity Constitution

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

1. An executive committee of four trustees shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the organisation and shall consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.
2. The Trustees must be fully paid up members of the organisation.
3. Individuals will be given a Trustee position only after receiving nominations, for a specific Trustee position, from two other fully paid up members of the organisation. In the event of multiple individuals being nominated for the same Trustee position, the position will be filled by a private ballot of those present at the annual general meeting at which time a majority vote must be gained by one individual.
4. The election of a Trustee will be for one year. All Trustees shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election.



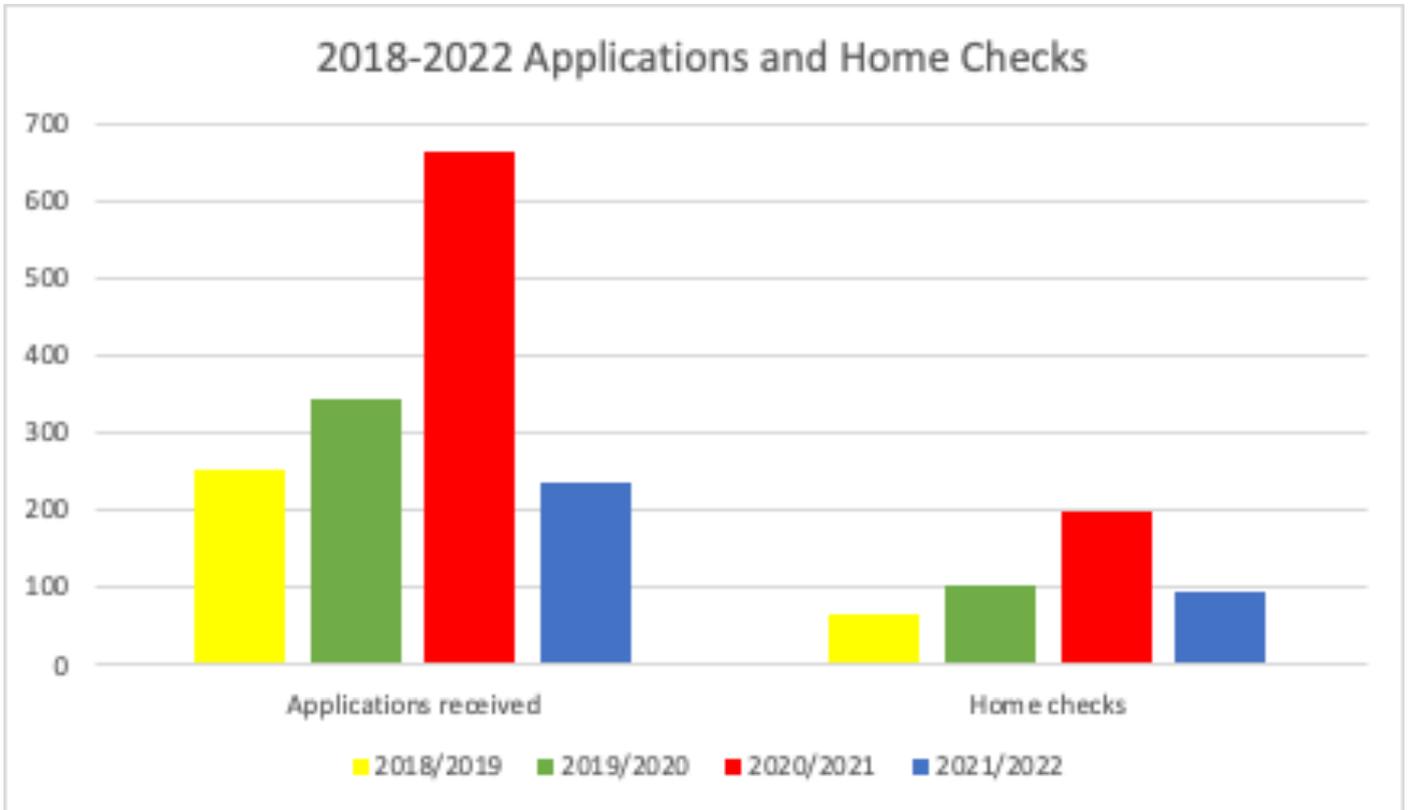
3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

1. Provision of a sanctuary to Greyhounds and Lurchers in danger.
2. Provide veterinary care where needed and to ensure the wellbeing of Greyhounds and Lurchers.
3. Promote responsible Greyhound and Lurcher ownership and in particular encourage the neutering of dogs as a means of reducing stray, abandoned and unwanted Greyhounds and Lurchers.
4. Forge links with other Greyhound and Lurcher organisations in furtherance of the organisations objectives.
5. Provide support and aftercare through the rehoming of Greyhounds and Lurchers.
6. Co-ordination of fundraising through events and raising awareness of the Greyhound and Lurcher breed.
7. Provision of home checks on all potential foster/adoption carers to ascertain individual and home suitability.
8. To always provide and meet the needs of any Greyhound and Lurcher placed in rescue.
9. Promote and implement an equal opportunities policy for all. The organisation will not discriminate on grounds of gender, marital status, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, disability, race and religion, or other grounds of discrimination not prohibited by legislation such as sexual orientation, age etc. when considering potential adopters of Greyhounds placed in their care.
10. Monitor rehoming to ensure compliance with adoption agreement and where this is breached take action to terminate adoption.



4. MAIN ACTIVITIES IN PURSUANCE OF THESE OBJECTIVES

- Between 1st April 2021 and 31 March 2022 SGS received 234 applications to adopt or foster and 97 home checks were carried out.
- The chart below illustrates that we have returned to pre-pandemic numbers in terms of applications and home checks



- Once again almost a hundred dogs were rehomed through the Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary
- Most of these dogs came through our kennels but over 10 were private surrenders
- The majority of dogs rehomed were ex racing greyhounds however there were a few lurchers sprinkled in
- On average SGS has an average of 25 - 30 dogs in their care
- There are 5 dogs in Long Term Foster homes
- In August 2021 the monthly SGS walks were reinstated following the pandemic restrictions being eased
- We had our first post pandemic show in October 2021
- SGS attended the first ever Aberdeen Dog Lover Show in March 2021
- Fundraising efforts continued with a can collection in St Andrews and online auctions
- And of course the K9 Calendar Competition was a wonderful success as always



5. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2021/2022 was another busy year for SGS! The number of dogs rehomed has remained relatively stable as has the number in kennels, foster homes and on our waiting list. It was good to get back to fundraising! With so many dogs in our care we have to ensure all costs can be met. Here are some of our main achievements from 2021/2022.

Tails from the kennels by Michelle

Some SGS dogs stay in our kennels a long time before they find a foster home. These dogs need a little extra TLC which they get an abundance of with Michelle, who runs the kennels. Michelle takes some of the kennel dogs into her own house to live with her pack to help prepare them to move on.



Cuba came to SGS as local non greyhound rescue could not take another boy. Very keen on anything non greyhounds and anything that moved at first and he also jumped in kennels and was very dirty. So very happy though and when a house space came up we decided to give him a go.

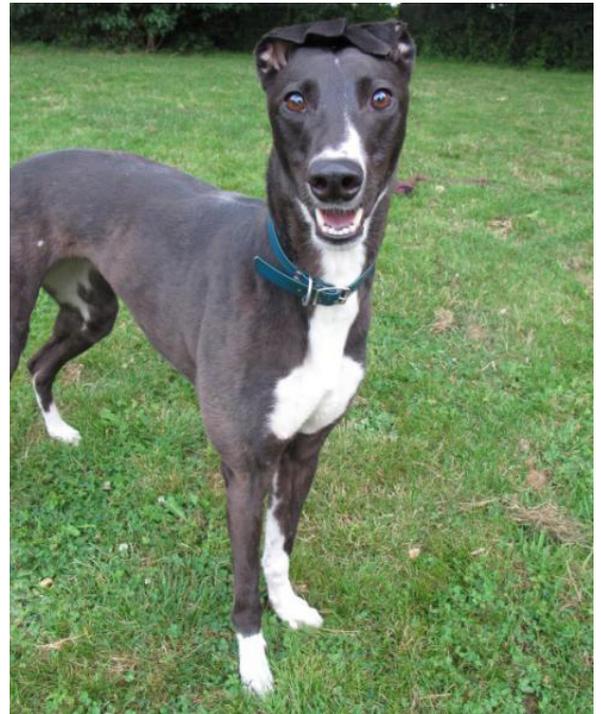
For any hound coming into my house is a huge achievement as I have small lurchers as well as greyhounds, elderly and young. Before he came in we made sure Cuba was castrated and the work began. Even now I know he has a interest in birds like pheasants. Working with Cuba has been a joy, tail has never stopped wagging resulting in a few slapped dog faces. Fully house trained, sleeps on the sofa and just had a dental, gets along with all of mine. He does like his food and treats and will take nicely.

Now instead of jumping, he spends his days on his back sleeping. He does limp a little but x rays has showed nothing wrong so he is on a oily fish diet and some mussel extract tablets. Im sure he thinks he is a younger than he is.



Holly is on a diet at the minute as she has become a chunky monkey. I got told when we offered Holly a space that she was kennelled by herself as she can be a little naughty to others and her and Nellie just do not hit it off so Holly is in one kennel and Nellie is in another. Straight into season when we got her so had to wait 3 weeks in season and 12 weeks out before we got her spayed. We were now in covid season and she had a second season before I could get her spayed. Brought her into the house when it was her time but unfortunately she kept growling and barking at my own lot and I knew it would not work so she had to go back into kennels.

Such a happy girl though who loves her food and her play time. Loves digging in the sand and always has a smile on her face. Takes her treats nicely and runs to her bed with them. I feel Holly would benefit a 1 to 1 family where all attention would be on her.



Mary, Nellie and Ozzie have been patiently waiting their turn for foster homes too. They've spent longer than usual at Michelle's because we don't have enough experienced foster homes and most of our applicants want or need an 'easy' dog.

Mary needs to be rehomed as an only dog but it's a challenge finding a foster home without any resident pups. Nellie came into season, twice, so still needs spayed. And Ozzie jumped up all the time, needed lead training and a home with no kids.



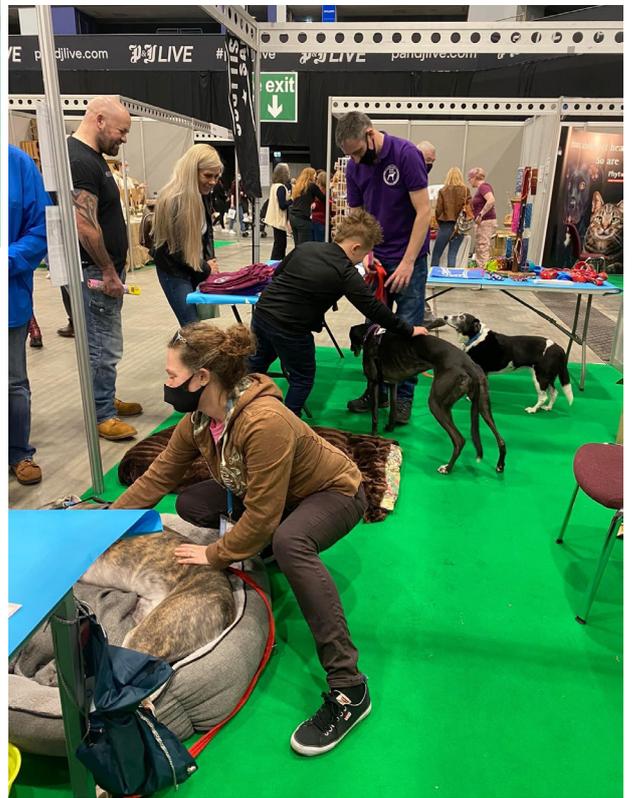
Aberdeen Dog Lover Show



SGS were invited to attend the first ever Aberdeen Dog Lover Show in March this year. For two days team members, volunteers and their 4 legged companions engaged with the public to spread the word on how amazing rescued hounds are!

Not only did we promote greyhound rescue, we raised some well needed funds for the dogs in our care! It was a fun but tiring 2 days for all.

Thanks to all our volunteers for coming along. The hounds were brilliant!



SGS Halloween Show

SGS held its first show since the pandemic in October 2021 and it was a huge success! Held for the first time in Cochrane Hall in Alva we saw many new faces among the familiar crowd. The costumes were, as always, very impressive! Again this also raised some funds for our homeless hounds.



The return of the SGS monthly walks

When COVID restrictions allowed the SGS Team recommenced regular walks in different parts of Scotland. We've had walks on Skye, in Inverness, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Kirkcaldy, Livingston. our aim is to have regular walks in ALL these different places!

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SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2022
RAVENS CRAIG PARK
KIRKCALDY
FIFE

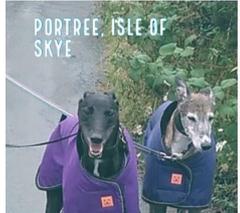
Meeting at 11am in the main car park. Please remember all dogs should be on lead and muzzled where appropriate.



ONE WEEKEND TWO SGS WALKS




PORTREE, ISLE OF SKYE



Forestry walk, leaving from Skye Shubs at 12pm

SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2021

THE USUAL SGS RULES APPLY, ALL DOGS SHOULD BE KEPT ON LEAD AND MUZZLED WHERE APPROPRIATE

LIVINGSTON, WEST LOTHIAN



Muiriston Trail, meeting at Livingston South Train Station car park at 11am



5. VOLUNTEERS AND FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising ability continued to be hampered by COVID restrictions throughout 2021/2022. We only managed to have one can collection, in St Andrews, which had to be cut short due to the weather. Despite this the generous folks of St Andrews donated £156 towards the homeless hounds.



Sadly the Inverness can collection had to be cancelled due to restrictions coming back into place.

Can collections were previously a great way to not only raise money but to educate the public on the plight of ex racing greyhounds. We hope to get back to twice yearly collections soon but rely heavily on volunteers to help make them successful!

The world of Social Media was a saving grace during the COVID restrictions. SGS teamie Lianne ran some extremely successful online auctions last year, raising amazing amounts!

The SGS Spring Auction raised **£2300**

THANKS TO ALL DONORS AND BIDDERS

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EST. 2006

HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to the auction and all those who placed bids

WE RAISED OVER £1100

Special thanks to Lianne for organising the auction

SGS Autumn Fundraiser

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EST. 2006

Thanks to everyone who bid in the SGS Winter Auction

We raised £1672!!!

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EST. 2006

TIME FOR A BREATH BEFORE THE NEXT AUCTION

Special Thanks...

This year the SGS Trustees want to give special thanks to all our team members; Kirsteen, Lianne, Janice, Claire, Gill, Babs, Louise, Judith, Susan, Shona. Working in the rescue industry is tough and it's never ending. SGS is blessed with having a team of amazing people who devote hour upon hour of their own time to help rehome dogs in need. From processing applications to assessing dogs, the team do it all! Most teamies also foster dogs, sometimes more than one at a time. Quite a few are members of the failed foster club!



As with any team, from time to time there are tensions, differing opinions, arguments... Given the emotional impact of the work, on top of every day life stressors, it's no wonder this happens. The trustees want to acknowledge this and thank the team for their dedication to the charity and the dogs. The team never loses sight of the hounds in need

THANK YOU ALL!
Suz, Emma, Lorri & Jax

IN MEMORIUM

Harris, Paco, Ruby, Lexi, Jem, Frankie, Monty, Ava, Mack(Zack) Indie, Lucy, Arrow, Prince, Nessie, Tilly, Bridget, Lively, Erin, Cooper, Tess, Boomer, Iona and Maddie, Lucy, Storm and Sully, Dallas and Yankee



7. TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. As in previous years, this is coincidentally also the tax year.

Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary		
Charity Number: SCO39701		
Statement of Receipts and Payments -		
For the year ended 31 March 2022		
	31 March 2022	31 March 2021
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations	11,485	16,330
Sales	2,469	587
Fundraising	9,769	10,206
Membership	394	312
Sponsor a Dog	825	425
Bank Interest	46	35
Other Income	10,662	7,341
	35,650	35,236
PAYMENTS		
Veterinary Expenses	30,374	26,857
Kennelling	0	6,966
Dog General Expenses	688	2,323
Purchases	4,207	1,701
Insurances	796	0
Professional fees - Accountant		0
Sundry Expenses	567	805
Telephones	405	378
Postage & Stationary	10	100
Fuel	0	0
Bank Charges		0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	37,046	39,130
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	-£1,396	£0
BALANCES		
Bank balance b/f 1.4.2021	£90,182	
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-£1,396	
Balance c/f 31 March 2022	£88,786	
Closing Bank Balance as at 31 March 2022	£88,786	

Treasurer's Report, Lorraine Baker, SGS Treasurer

The report covers the period 01.04.21 - 31.03.22, as in previous years, also the tax year.

I have copied the table from OSCR showing sgs accounts over the past several years. This will be updated to include this years shortly. I have also include the summary sheet as we would if we were in person, please see this above.

Thinking about SGS Expenditure or payments on above schedule

Veterinary Expenses are always our single highest expenditures significantly higher than last years, £30,374 versus previous £26857

For example 1 spey cost £534, although this was the most expensive.

Long term foster dog 1 - vet fees alone £3518 (more than 1/10 of sgs entire spend on vets) plus food etc over and above.

Laura £1229 during foster vet care

Long term foster dog 2 - £1200 minimum per annum in medication coats for 1 illness.

- General dog expenses – massage, chips, some meds bought not via a vet
- Purchases - Clothes to order £1751 but still have most of them left to sell. Muzzles are another large area for expenditure via purchases the majority of which an Edinburgh pet shop buy from sgs , stickers, training for hygiene certificate, dog coats and harnesses
- Insurance – back to normal after a change in supplier £796
- Sundry expenses muzzles & harnesses by mistake in this column, ferry trip to rehome George
- Telephones – 2 Phones now held by sgs £22 per month but included a buy out for a 3rd line which saved money ultimately
- Postage and stationary - £10 added to drop and go

Thinking about money in or Receipts on above schedule

- Donations down on previous years (and this year is shaping up to be worse), to be expected sadly due to covid, down turn in economy starting early this year. Same with fundraising
- Sales are up.
- Memberships steady just below £400 last 2 years were low £300
- Sponsor of dog /kennel doubled since last years
- Other income has went up this year was £10662 and only £7341 last year and £3872 previous year 19/20

The total of other income and donations added together has been a bit up and down, down on last year £18325 in 19/20 > £23671 in 20/21> £22147 in 21/22

At the beginning of this period the balance available to SGS was £90,182 - these accounts were submitted to OSCR (Office for the Scottish Charity Register) and duly signed off in September 2022. Income received by SGS over this year was £35,650 primarily from donations (£11485) and from fund-raising (£9769).

Expenses paid over this period was £37,046 with the most significant expense being veterinary fees of £30,373.

This left a deficit over the year of £1,396 the 2nd year in a row for a deficit.

Due to previously having received a number of more significant legacy donations totalling approximately £75,000 SGS has managed to accumulate a balance brought forward from last year of £88,786 at the close of the accounting period.

We, as a charity, must submit these accounts along with AGM documentation by 31.10.2022 and intend to do so shortly before the end of September 2022.

Many Thanks once again, go to our independent examiner Mr Mills



8. FUTURE PLANS

The current financial climate is a concern. Rising costs will no doubt impact on the SGS bank balance so the team will be focusing on increasing fundraising over the coming year.

Our plans include:

- 2022 Christmas Show
- Expansion of monthly walks
- Appoint new team members
- Appeal for volunteers to lead on fundraising and official walks
- The Fostering booklet was put on hold but will be completed this year
- Continue providing sanctuary for hounds in need, including long term care for dogs that cannot be rehomed.

9. FINAL WORDS

SGS have had another tough year still having Covid worries and to an extent lockdowns. As we all know Rescue work, which ever branch of the process you are involved in, can be stressful, frustrating, exhausting and very often heartbreaking .

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the Team for their dedication and pulling together to rehome so many of these special dogs .

We all have our own personal issues , that's life, but the Team have rallied round to help when the workload gets too much for some of us and for this I am truly grateful.

Every Team member works to their own particular strength and when we pull together this is the reason SGS is so successful in what we do .

I'm hoping in these hard times that SGS can continue helping as many greyhounds as possible and we can work together and look forward positively. On a final note the feedback from most new Greyhound owners who are so happy with their new dog is the spur we need to carry on .

Suzanne Simpson, SGS Chair, September 2022

