



# Friends of Wallace Kennels

## 2024-25 Trustees' Annual Report

*A Year of Compassion and Care for  
Abandoned Dogs*

Registered Charity Number: 1019306

# Our Story

Established in 1993, Friends of Wallace Kennels is a volunteer-led charity dedicated to relieving the suffering and distress of animals - particularly dogs - who require care due to abandonment, mistreatment, injury, illness, or owner hardship.

We proudly support Wallace Kennels in Brentwood, Essex, which provides refuge for stray, unwanted, and abandoned dogs across Brentwood and surrounding areas.

Our charity is run entirely by volunteers and guided by a committed board of trustees who meet quarterly and actively participate in all fundraising efforts. The generosity of our members, volunteers, and donors fuels everything we do - and we are deeply grateful for your continued support.



# Community Engagement & Fundraising Highlights

This year marked several exciting developments:



We relaunched our website, introducing new donation tools and a streamlined membership application process. These enhancements have boosted engagement and support, and we plan further improvements in the coming year.



We joined the JustGiving platform, benefiting from two successful fundraisers that helped raise awareness and vital funds.



Our dedicated volunteers organised five jumble sales - held in April, June, September, December, and March. These events generated a significant portion of our annual income, and we extend heartfelt thanks to the organisers and everyone who donated items.



To raise our profile locally, we hosted a stall at the Brentwood Centre Family Fun Day in August, where we enjoyed meaningful conversations with visitors and shared our work.



We launched a new afternoon tea fundraising event, which we hope will become a biannual fixture in our calendar.



# Our Impact

The kennels successfully rehomed approximately 175 dogs—a testament to the dedication of the team and the compassion of our supporters.



Every dog receives:

- Vaccinations
- Worm and flea treatments
- Microchipping
- Spaying/neutering



Many dogs arrive with complex health issues. Where these can be treated, we cover all veterinary costs, which totalled nearly £38,000 this year.



Beyond veterinary care, we contribute to daily operational costs and support infrastructure improvements. This year, we funded the initial phase of a new kennel block, with welding for the frames now complete.



Many of our members have adopted rescue dogs from Wallace Kennels and often share how these animals have become cherished companions.

# How We Make a Difference

Our work delivers clear public benefit by:



Reducing the number of stray and abandoned dogs in the community.



Supporting mental wellbeing through pet companionship.



Providing volunteering opportunities that foster community engagement.

# Real Life Rescues

From a puppy farm to a joyful, well-loved life with our member, Eve.



## **Hello, I'm Candy! I'm 12 years old now, and this is my rescue story.**

I was born in a puppy farm in July 2012. It wasn't a nice place, but thankfully the council shut it down and I was taken to Wallace Kennels. I was scared and covered in fleas, but the kind lady there gave me a bath, food, and a warm bed. She checked on me often while I was being monitored for parvo, since my siblings hadn't survived.

Then one day, a lovely couple came to meet me. The lady cuddled me, and I felt safe. After a vet check and vaccinations, they came back—it was my gotcha day! I was nervous, but I soon realised I was going to be okay.

Since then, life has been wonderful. I celebrated my first birthday with liver cake and doggy friends, and I've had beach holidays in Cornwall with other Wallace Kennels rescues. I love digging in the sand and getting muddy, and the café where they have a doggy menu!

Now I'm older and have arthritis, but I still enjoy sniffy walks, days out in my buggy and seeing my doggy pals. I'm loved, cared for, and living my best life.

Thank you, Wallace Kennels, for giving me my forever home.



# Financial Highlights

We remain in a good financial position, with no outstanding debts and reserves to cover at least six months of typical costs, including veterinary care and support for kennel operations.

During the year, we transitioned to an online print supplier, resulting in reduced costs and greater efficiency in producing promotional and fundraising materials.

Additional financial developments include:

- An initial investment in relaunching our website, which has enhanced functionality and donor engagement. Importantly, the ongoing annual costs are projected to be lower than our previous website support expenses.
- A shift in sales strategy, with higher-value donated books, clothing, and household items now being sold through online platforms rather than at jumble sales, generating increased returns.
- The finalisation of a new fixed-term savings account, designed to yield a higher rate of interest on a portion of our invested funds.

# Receipts & Payments

1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025



Receipts	£	Payments	£
<b>Income from Donations and Legacies</b>		<b>Charity Management &amp; Administration</b>	
Donations	10,312	AGM & committee meetings	85
Income via JustGiving	892	Fees & insurance	439
Gift Aid claimed	4,858	<b>Kennel expenses</b>	
Legacies	5,864	Electricity & gas	12,776
<b>Income from Other Trading Activities</b>		Operational support	15,500
Afternoon tea event	1,215	Infrastructure improvements	4,270
Essex Lottery	549	Veterinary fees	37,974
Jumble sales	9,771	<b>Expenditure on Raising Funds</b>	
Sale of items	3,041	Afternoon tea event	252
<b>Investment Income</b>		Communications including website	2,004
Interest Received	1,533	Jumble sales	663
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>38,035</b>	Other fundraising - village fairs, etc	45
		<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>74,009</b>
		<b>Net movement in funds:</b>	<b>-35,974</b>

# Balance Sheet



	<b>31 March 2025</b>	<b>31 March 2024</b>
	£	£
<b><i>Current Assets</i></b>		
Current Account	1,641	24,877
Cash/Undeposited Receipts	230	80
Savings Account 1	27,109	40,965
Savings Account 2	66,306	65,338
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>95,287</b>	<b>131,260</b>
<b><i>Funds &amp; Reserves</i></b>		
Unrestricted General Funds	95,287	131,260
<b>Funds Provided</b>	<b>95,287</b>	<b>131,260</b>

# Community Support and Volunteering

There are many ways to get involved. Whether it's baking a cake for one of our fundraising events, helping at jumble sales or donating items for sale, or offering time to walk dogs at the kennels, it makes a difference.

Local businesses also play a vital role in supporting us. Many act as collection points for donations of dog food and other essential items from the public, and display collection tins for loose change, helping us ensure that the dogs have what they need.

## Want to help?

If you'd like to volunteer, host a collection tin, or become a donation point, please get in touch.



# Contact us

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## Trustees as at 31 March 2025

Teresa Bartholomew - Chairman  
Carol Bartrop (Appointed October 2024)  
Charlotte Bell – Treasurer (Appointed May 2024)  
Julia Bolton - Secretary  
Christine Duniam (Appointed January 2025)  
Deborah Evans  
Jacqueline Fairbairn  
Susanne Littlechild  
Jacqueline Rudy