



DOG AID SCOTLAND

Creating Happy Homes For Dogs

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About Us

We are an independent dog welfare charity based in Edinburgh that provides invaluable services to dog owners all over Scotland through various schemes. We are proud to have a rich history of helping Scotland's dogs since our establishment in 1956. Dog Aid Scotland offers several Schemes to support dogs and their owners facing hard times. Our Neutering Scheme provides vouchers towards getting dogs neutered to avoid unwanted litters and for health benefits. Our Veterinary Aid Scheme gives contributions to applicants in need facing an unexpected vet bill, helping dogs get the veterinary care they may otherwise go without. At Dog Aid Scotland, we provide a personal and comprehensive rehoming service. We rehome dogs of all breeds, sizes and ages. As we do not have kennels, we work on a home to home basis matching dogs to suitable homes. Once in their new homes, we vaccinate, microchip and neuter all our dogs to promote responsible dog ownership. We ensure new owners and dogs have the support they need. Our dedicated Dog Welfare Team provides support during and after the rehoming process.

DAS is an independent charity, we receive no government funding. All of our funds come from legacies, donations, memberships and fundraising events. You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram for up-to-date news on dogs looking for new homes as well as DAS' schemes, events and fundraising. Follow us at facebook.com/dogaidscotland or [@dogaidscotland](https://twitter.com/dogaidscotland).

Objectives of DAS

- To advance dog welfare.
- To find new homes for dogs whose present owners are unable or unwilling to continue ownership.
- To provide veterinary help for those in need.
- To help reduce the number of unwanted dogs by providing Neutering Vouchers.
- To encourage and give information on responsible dog ownership.

Office Bearers

Honorary President: *Jay Crawford*
Chairperson: *Jane Spurgeon*
Trustees: *Anne-Marie Barry*
(appointed June 2023), *Simon Bree*
(appointed June 2023), *Ranald*
Leask (appointed June 2023), *Julie*
Hogg-Weld (appointed June 2023),
Harvey Carruthers (resigned
November 2023), *Alan Surgeon*
(appointed 2024), *Katy Jackson*
(appointed 2024), *Seonaid Heeps*
(appointed 2024), *Janis Neilson*
(resigned January 2024), *Iain Butt*
(resigned February 2024), *Margery*
Bruce (resigned February 2024).

Staff

Chief Executive Officer:
Ross Macfadyen
Welfare:
Helen Jones
Marketing & Engagement:
Clare Dymond
Office & Operations:
Kitty Langley

Chairperson's Report

As you read through the details of this annual report you will quickly realise that Dog Aid Scotland has been as busy as ever in the last year helping even more dogs (and owners) in a variety of ways.

I am extremely proud to chair an organisation which provides so much vital support to dog owners across Scotland. I am particularly pleased that we are reaching people and dogs in parts of Scotland where we've never had any engagement. We are literally "active" from the Scottish Borders right up to the Outer Hebrides – a genuine Scottish charity!

I'd like to extend my thanks to our CEO and his team of staff for their ongoing commitment and determination in always flying the flag for Dog Aid Scotland whilst at the same time expressing my gratitude to some previous trustees who have, for various reasons, had to step down in the last year. This has resulted in new faces joining and I am looking forward to the "new board" playing a big part in the continued success of Dog Aid Scotland.

Jane Spurgeon

CEO's Report

The last year has been eventful for the charity with a number of significant changes taking place. Without doubt the biggest of these was our move to new premises. The small Dog Aid Scotland team has settled in well in our new “home” on the outskirts of Edinburgh at Riccarton Mains and we are now lucky to have an incredibly pleasant working environment, not to mention fields where dogs can run and exercise! You are very welcome to visit us anytime – the kettle is (literally) always on!

I am delighted that our new brand and logo is being seen by more and more people across the whole of Scotland which increases awareness of our charity and spreads the news of the great work DAS does every day in the interest of dog welfare. There has been no let-up in demand for assistance in the last year through our main programmes, and we are seeing an increase in the number of people needing to rehome dogs due to financial pressures. Thankfully the charity remains well placed to be able to help and provide the necessary support through the neutering, vet aid and general welfare schemes which you can read about in this report.

Although we remain in a position of enviable strength for a small charity – financially and with a great team onboard - we are always aware that nothing is forever and so I am determined to further grow our profile across the whole of Scotland and attract new members to the organisation. I hope our members are - or will be - willing to play an active part in creating happy homes for dogs in the next year and beyond.

Ross Macfadyen

Dog Aid Sotland Schemes

Dog Aid Scotland helps dogs by supporting owners going through financially hard times. Our support often allows the owner to keep their dog through our schemes or through training support by our Welfare Team.

Food and Veterinary Treatment Fund

In some cases the charity may be asked to rehome a dog that has a medical condition such as epilepsy, diabetes, allergies or arthritis. We offer new DAS dog owners financial assistance with veterinary bills related to health conditions when they take on a dog with an existing medical condition.

This is made possible by DAS' Food and Veterinary Treatment Fund (Vet Fund) which supports dogs for the remainder of their lives in their new homes. This service helps to relieve any financial worry prospective new owners may have when adopting a dog with an existing condition.

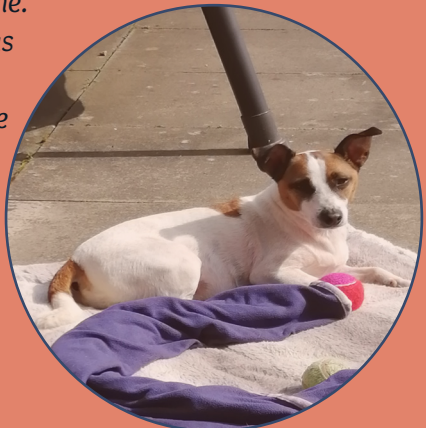
Dog Aid Scotland is currently assisting a total of 34 dogs rehomed with pre-existing conditions through the Vet Fund and older dogs through our Old Dog Scheme. There are currently 20 dogs with pre-existing conditions covered by our Vet Fund with such conditions as arthritis, incontinence, epilepsy, pancreatitis, Cushing's disease and skin conditions.

Piper the 3-year-old Jack Russell was rehomed in 2023 and has a skin condition which means Dog Aid Scotland will support her new owner with the cost of treating this condition for the rest of her life.

"Piper has been a perfect fit for us and we couldn't have asked for a better pet. We're so grateful for Dog Aid and her previous owner for coming along at just the right time.

Piper has settled well into our home and has a lovely temperament. She's been the perfect companion, she enjoys her routine daily walks with my partner. She lets us know when she wants to play and just loves to chase a ball. We love her so much and couldn't imagine life without her."

"Thanks to everyone who made it possible for us to have her."



Old Dog Scheme

The Food and Veterinary Treatment Fund also covers DAS' Old Dog Scheme. When DAS rehomes a dog that is 8 years old or older, all their non-routine veterinary bills for life can be covered by DAS if the new owners wish. This excludes routine treatments such as vaccinations and worming, tick or flea treatment. Older dogs can be easier to handle as they are house-trained, generally less energetic and also tend to have a lot of character. Older dogs can be very loveable and great companions in the right home. This scheme ensures they have a fair chance of finding loving new owners.

It is common for DAS to receive old dogs for rehoming in a normal year. We assisted 7 out of a possible 14 old dogs on our roster who required care in 2023.

Lucy the Jack Russell Terrier was 9 years old when she was rehomed by DAS in February. Her new owner says, "Wee Lucy settled in with us very quickly, in fact on the very day she arrived. She is a lovely dog, very loving, she likes to be cuddled.

She is very fit for her age and has always had great recall. I think she would sit up at the table with us if I set her a place.

Everyone loves her and she loves everyone. She doesn't like other dogs and everyone in the area knows this so there are no problems. She is an absolute joy and she follows us around all the time. She is a nosy dog but that's okay.

She has never chewed or destroyed anything, so in my mind she is perfect."



"We love her to bits and would never part with her."

Neutering Scheme

Dog Aid Scotland understands the importance of having dogs neutered to prevent unwanted litters and any health difficulties in their lives. For over 25 years DAS has provided a Neutering Scheme to financially assist dog owners on benefits or a low income to get their dog 'done'. Neutering has many health benefits and can help to prevent conditions such as testicular cancer, mammary tumours and pyometra. It can also have behavioural benefit by calming a dog's temperament.

After a review by the board ending in July, the Neutering Scheme was altered to offer only £100 vouchers for female spays to successful applicants. This was due to the extreme demand for vouchers when it was open to males as well. The aim of the vouchers is to help dog owners on benefits or a low income who are unable to afford the full cost of having their dog 'done'. The voucher should be accepted at most local vets except the PDSA, but we advise owners to check this beforehand.

The Neutering Scheme is still very popular - we assisted with the neutering of 212 dogs in Scotland this year.

Mina's owner was issued a spaying voucher after they applied due to concerns about the health risks of not getting her spayed. Mina had a successful surgery and recovered well.

She is a 6-year-old Akita Cross Malamute/Husky. However, she is very laid back, calm and independent.

Mina is an extremely gentle soul, she is great with children, cats and other dogs. She is a joy to be around!

Her owner is very grateful for the help from DAS in getting Mina spayed.



Veterinary Aid Scheme

The Veterinary Aid Scheme provides financial assistance to dog owners on benefits or a low income to help towards any unexpected veterinary bills. Owners can apply for help by completing a form on the website, by calling to request a form or by printing one from the website. Each case is discussed by our Board of Trustees after all the necessary information has been received. The scheme helps to ensure dogs from less financially stable homes can get veterinary treatment they would otherwise struggle to save for or receive at all.

During 2023, we assisted 156 dogs who were in desperate need of vet care and who may not have received it without our help. This is a 30% increase from last year. You can read more later in this report in the 'Vet Corner', but the following are a few examples of treatment the Vet Aid Scheme has helped towards this year:

A Border Collie with pyometra surgery, an Akita with a wounded paw, a Yorkshire Terrier requiring spinal surgery, a Greyhound/Dalmatian Cross with surgery for a fractured leg, a Rottweiler requiring its back dew claws removed, a Wire Haired Vizsla with an ear infection, and a St Bernard with cruciate ligament repair surgery.



Cassie the 8 year old Labradoodle had to undergo ear surgery (Total Ear Canal Ablation LBO Unilateral). After years of trouble with her ear, Cassie is now fully enjoying life. She loves playing with her sisters, swimming, hunting squirrels and catching balls.

Her favourite kind of ball is her tennis ball. Cassie has a very loving nature and is a very obedient dog. She loves being tickled and will paw you for attention. Cassie cuddles up at night with her sister, exhausted and happy at the end of the day.

Cassie's owner is very grateful for DAS' contribution towards Cassie's ear surgery.

Ongoing Veterinary Aid

As well as 'one-off' contributions to help dogs receive veterinary care, Dog Aid Scotland also accepts applications for monthly ongoing support for medication required for a dog's long-term condition.

For example, the scheme currently supports Diego, a 10 year old Papillon/Chihuahua Cross. He suffers from arthritis in his hips and needs regular pain medication to make him more comfortable. We support Diego and his owner with £35 a month towards the cost of his expensive medication (Gabapentin and Previcox). DAS began helping Diego in August this year and will continue to do so until the situation changes.

For ongoing cases, the veterinary aid team reviews support every 3 to 6 months depending on the stability of the dog's condition or the owner's situation. There is always a chance that support could be withdrawn if the circumstances of the dog or the owner improve.

This year, Dog Aid Scotland helped 10 dogs on a monthly basis with their medical conditions which included diabetes, arthritis, skin allergies, epilepsy and heart and kidney disease.

We are proud to support owners through this part of the Veterinary Aid Scheme as we believe it ensures dogs can continue to live in their happy homes; rather than needing to be rehomed because of the financial strain, the dogs can remain in homes where they are settled and loved.



Dog Rehoming Procedure

Making the decision to rehome a dog can be an extremely difficult one, but DAS offers a rehoming service that prioritises the dog's needs.

This is how the Dog Aid Scotland rehomes all dogs...

- The owner is asked to complete a questionnaire about the dog's personality, their current circumstances and needs.
- Once DAS receives the forms, the Welfare Team will visit the dog in its home to conduct an assessment and gain more information about the dog. From this, the Welfare Team can decide what type of home would suit the dog best.
- The dog's information is added to our website where potential new owners can view and apply for the dog.
- When a suitable application comes in, the Welfare Team carries out a home visit to meet the applicants and assess their suitability.
- The Welfare Team will collect the dog and its belongings from its current home and after a full health check at our vet it will be taken to its new home.
- After around two weeks of a settling-in period, the Welfare Team will visit the dog in its new home to make sure it is comfortable, happy and healthy and that the prospective new owner is confident that the dog will fit in with the family. Only at this point will the dog be signed over to the new owner.
- While protecting the new owner's identity, DAS can let the previous owners know how rehomed dogs are getting on and always encourages updates and photographs from the new owners.

The Benefits of Rehoming a Dog Through DAS

If you are in the position to welcome a new addition into your family, there are many reasons why you should adopt a dog from DAS:

- We provide a caring and personal service for each and every dog.
- We conduct home checks and follow up visits to make sure we match the right dog to your family.
- We rehome all breeds of dog, including more unusual breeds and crosses.
- Our service is available all over Scotland and our Welfare Team covers the whole of the country to find a suitable home.
- We pay for our dogs to be neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. If they are over 8 years old or have a pre-existing condition DAS will support you with the vet bills.
- As we have asked for the dog's history there should be no nasty surprises, and if it doesn't work out during the settling-in period we will collect the dog.
- We also offer training advice and support to help your new friend settle in.
- All we ask for is a nominal rehoming fee, irrespective of breed.

2023 Rehoming Stories

We were happy to continue our rehoming service in 2023 and help more families find happy new homes for their dogs. Here are some success stories:

Bruce



Bruce the 3-year-old Border Terrier was rehomed in the summer after a relationship break-up meant his owner could not keep him. Bruce is a cheeky wee chap and has settled very well into his new home. He made fast friends with the resident dog, Ginny, and now they love to play ball together.

Bruce loves playing snatch and chase; he can steal your slipper as soon as you take them off to relax on the sofa and then the chase begins!

“He is a master of mischief so there is never a dull moment.”



Bruce with
Ginny

Toby



Toby, a 7-month-old Terrier Cross, came to DAS through a vet practice where he had been abandoned by his owners as they could not afford the treatment for his broken leg. He was taken care of by one of the practice staff while DAS found a new home for him. "Toby is a great wee character who is full of fun and energy with quite a sense of humour, so it didn't take long to settle him into our home. He has boundless energy as he's still only 11 months old. Toby loves his woodland walks and the seaside too.

He is learning good behaviour from his slightly older family member, Hugo the Labrador, who naturally has a bit more patience. As Toby is an exceptionally bright boy, he is learning new tricks and commands very quickly.

"Toby loves sniffing games and will play fetch for hours. But he's also partial to snuggles on the sofa once he's burnt off his energy and can settle in for the night.

He's meeting new friends all the time and gradually learning good manners as he grows up. Our family absolutely adore him."

"He makes us laugh all the time and brings us so much joy. Truthfully, Toby has been the missing piece of our family jigsaw. The little spud has just fitted in perfectly."



Charlie

Charlie the 7-year-old Border Collie was rehomed in the late spring. He was scared to go into vehicles so our Welfare Co-ordinator Helen spent time training him to fix this so he could be rehomed. And what a turn-around!

Charlie's DAS owners had recently lost a dog and their Collie Leia was really missing her friend. Charlie felt like family instantly and Leia embraced him completely too – she even let him raid her toy box. Within a couple of weeks, the two were inseparable; playing and chasing, as well as snoozing together. Small insecurities DAS had been told about became a non-issue as Charlie also fully embraced his new family.

Charlie is particularly attached to the male owner and follows him around, even into the shower. Charlie has had many new experiences in his new home; after initial suspicion and apprehension, Charlie completely enjoys himself and is super excited with everything new.

“It has been such a privilege to see his personality and confidence bloom.”





Initially, there was an issue with getting Charlie to his new home as he did not like travelling by car or van, but now he races to get into the car or motorhome. His new family enjoys going on many exciting road trips around the country. Like the rest of us, Charlie does not appreciate bad traffic stopping his journey!

Charlie loves going to new places and new walks but he has a favourite walk where he knows a pub gives him treats.

He loved his first picnic and completely forgot about missing a pub lunch. “On his first visit to the beach, he froze for a few minutes trying to understand what he was seeing, now he takes off as soon as he hears waves, he loves to chase them. It quickly became his favourite thing in the world and the only time his recall won’t work, waves are the best. It has been such a privilege to see his personality and confidence bloom and give him a loving home and the opportunity to do this.”

“We could not imagine our lives without our happy, adventurous and becoming quite opinionated Charlie.”



Rolo

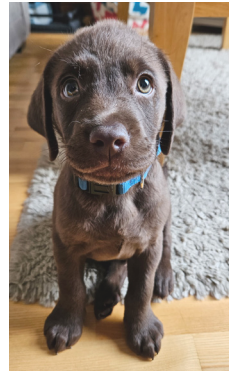
Rolo the Chocolate Labrador came to DAS as an emergency foster in the summer. His owner could not cope with their other dog being too large and rough for the small puppy. As it was an urgent situation and DAS believed it could find a good home for him, a staff member fostered Rolo (who was only known as ‘puppy’!) for a month while he grew big and strong enough to be rehomed. After a visit to the vets it was confirmed he was actually only 5 or 6 weeks old, too young to be taken from his mother.

Rolo was such a loveable pup and great fun. It was very hard for staff to say goodbye to him, but he has now found an amazing home.

Rolo has helped his new family so much and improved their lives in numerous ways. They are so grateful to have such a great companion.



Above: Rolo at 6 weeks.
Below: At about 10 weeks, ready for his new home.



“We’re so thankful to have Rolo, he’s completed our family.”

There is a true 'bro-mance' between the male owner and Rolo; Rolo is his shadow.

"Rolo is very empathetic; he will come to you for a cuddle if you seem under the weather or down. He has very expressive eyes and seems to understand what is being said.

Rolo has started man-trailing classes and loves it to bits!"



"Rolo has such a funny character and never fails to make us laugh."

Murphy

Murphy was rehomed at 10-months old. His new owner says, “He rescued me and my family in August, after we tragically lost our 3 fur babies in a house fire. As you may imagine we were completely broken. [We saw] a post on Dog Aid Scotland looking for a new forever home for Murphy, and instantly fell in love with his cheeky little face.”

“I applied, had my home check, then very soon afterwards adopted him and we soon realised Murphy had a little bit of each of our 3 lost babies in his personality traits, so we knew we had made the right choice, that he was the one.

Murphy is a little dog with a huge personality. He’s cheeky, loving, super friendly, well-behaved (most of the time) and makes us laugh every single day.



He is a thief of anything that isn’t nailed down, but his favourite is socks - we often find them buried in the garden and no one in the house has a single matching pair anymore!”

“Murphy’s nickname is ‘Sir Bark-a-lot’ for obvious reasons, and he carries out a nightly perimeter check in the garden before bed every night, before he snuggles in for a cuddle. He is most definitely not a morning dog, and will hide under the covers when it’s time to get up.

My windows are full of his dog nose art, floors full of muddy footprints, shoes with no laces, I can’t shower or eat alone, but...he has brought so much love and happiness back into our lives and couldn’t imagine life without him now, including the naughty side.

We recently adopted another dog so now have double the trouble, Murphy and his fur brother Beau are quite the pair.”



Murphy (left) and
Beau (right)

“Thank you to Dog Aid Scotland for
bringing the light back
into our lives.”

Forever After - Dog Bequeath Service

Dog Aid Scotland will find a safe and loving new home for dogs whose owners are faced with the worry that they have no-one who would be able or willing to take in their dog(s) should anything happen to them. We understand some owners may fear their dog will outlive them but if this happens and you are signed up to our dog bequeath service, Forever After, DAS will find your dog a new forever home.

This service is available to all dog owners in Scotland and is completely free. The owner will be asked to complete a form which contains all their contact details and information about their dog's temperament, personality and any medical needs. If the worst happens, DAS will be contacted and our Welfare Team will collect the dog and they will be placed in emergency kennel care. We will use the information provided on the completed forms to determine what type of home would be best suited for the dog. Once a home is found, our Welfare Team will conduct the same thorough home checks carried out when rehoming all our dogs. If any veterinary treatment is required DAS will ensure this is carried out under its Vet Fund and if it is over 8 years old, it will be covered by our Old Dog Scheme.

By offering this service we hope to provide dog owners with peace of mind that their much-loved companions will always be cared for in a loving home. DAS is here for those who would take comfort in signing up to this service.

If you would like to find out more or request the forms to register your dog for Forever After please contact the DAS office on 0300 365 2500 or by email. You can also read about it on our website at www.dogaidscotland.com.

2023 Events and Fundraising

Thanks to all who donated to the staff miles challenge in March. We raised £860 in support of all our schemes and services.

Staff and trustees attended 'A Dog's Day Out' at the Traquair Estate in Innerleithen on Sunday 16th July. It was a warm sunny day and very well attended with about 650 people visiting the grounds.

Catherine Maxwell Stewart and her team very kindly donated the proceeds of the dog show entries to Dog Aid Scotland, which totalled an impressive £380, proving how many owners enjoy getting their dogs involved! Thank you very much to the Traquair Estate.

DAS plans to attend the Traquair show again on Sunday 21st July, 2024.

You can keep up to date with all DAS events through our Facebook or Instagram page and website.

To receive a quarterly DAS online newsletter, go to dogaidscotland.com and sign up at the bottom of the Home page so you can keep up to date with all DAS news.



2023 Winter Fundraising

The DAS 2023 raffle had a great selection of prizes to be won including M&S and Pets at Home vouchers, plus a chance to get a free dog training or photoshoot session. The raffle raised an impressive £1,000!

This, plus the brochure and donations, means a marvelous total of £2,257 was raised to support our work for dogs in Scotland. *Thank you so much* to all who took part, it is really appreciated.

Look out for the next Winter Brochure!

The DAS Winter Brochure is available during the festive period with a great selection of gifts for dogs and for friends and family. It also features a selection of Dog Aid Scotland branded Christmas cards at bargain prices. Everything can be ordered from the online shop too. If you would rather speak to someone, card payments can be taken over the phone.

Brochures are available from October when they will be sent to members and supporters, or available on request.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list (or removed) please contact the office on 0300 365 2500 or email [Clare at engagement@dogaidscotland.com](mailto:engagement@dogaidscotland.com).

Fundraising, Volunteering & How to Get Involved in DAS

Membership is the easiest and quickest way to get involved and support Dog Aid Scotland at the same time. Please suggest to at least one other person you know that they sign up to be a member and help us help more dogs in Scotland. DAS receives no government funding, our schemes and services run purely on donations. It's more important than ever that we are able to help as many dogs as possible across Scotland.

Anything anyone can do to contribute and/or fundraise would be welcomed. Please contact the office for fundraising support.

Top Tips - Walking Your Dog

Walking your dog may sound like the simplest action on paper, but we all know it can involve many challenges.

Our Welfare Team recommends using secure fields if you are not confident in your dog's recall. They are a great way to let your dog run freely and safely, with the chance to carry out training in this environment too.

Long line leads can be a great way for your dog to run around in the park while still being safely tethered. However, it would be advisable to use a regular short lead while walking to the park as some long line leads can unlock by accident, leaving dogs vulnerable to road traffic.

Remember walking etiquette and do not let your dog (off-lead) run to another dog that is on the lead, especially from behind. Stay aware of your surroundings, including other dogs and how accepting they may be to dogs and people saying hello.

The same goes when free roaming around Scotland's countryside; keep your dog under control when it comes to animals and other people and if in doubt, keep them on a lead. You can read more on the Scottish Outdoor Access Code webpage.

...And always, always, pick up after your dog!



If you are running low and need some sturdy poo bags, you can order more from the DAS online shop or collect from the office.

Vet Corner

In danger of repeating myself over the last few years, DAS again has had to deal with even higher veterinary fees under the Vet Aid Scheme.

Over the year we have asked our aid seeking owners to shop around for a fairer price and in a few cases have found some practices to do some treatments at a lower cost without cutting corners to the dog's detriment.

Again we have had to budget and scrutinise carefully every claim we receive for the Vet Aid Scheme. We find owners are quoted for blood tests, X-rays, scans etc., which we deem are not entirely necessary for the treatment outcome of the dog and we will not contribute to that part of the fee.

Despite all the negatives, we have managed to help 156 dogs under the Vet Aid Scheme this year in one way or another on top of the neutering and rehoming schemes.

Here are some of the cases we have helped.

- A 6-year-old Lurcher was hit by a car with severe damage to a front leg which was beyond repair so amputation was the only other option apart from euthanasia. Dogs can do remarkably well when left with 3 legs, especially if a hind leg is involved. We were able to help with £400 towards the surgery.
- 1-year-old Cocker Spaniel with a testicle still remaining undescended in the abdomen requiring removal and castration. The Neutering Scheme does not currently help with male neuters, but in cases such as these where the procedure is more complex due to a complication, we helped with £75 towards this dog's surgery.

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- 1-year-old Staffie/Sharpei Cross with entropion (turned in eyelids rubbing on the front of the eyes) requiring surgery to evert the lids. The owner used to have pet insurance but had to give it up as the monthly payments became too expensive. From what we hear from owners, this is a fairly common experience nowadays. We were able to help with about 35% of the cost in this case.
- 4-year-old German Shepherd living on the Isle of Benbecula, requiring surgery to stabilise the carpus (wrist) after damage to the ligaments and so collapse of the joint. This was carried out at the Dick Vet Practice in Edinburgh, a long way to travel. We contributed £1,000 (the maximum we pay for any one condition) to the final fee.
- A 2-year-old Cocker Spaniel went off all four legs and an MRI revealed a prolapsed (slipped) disc of such severity that sadly euthanasia was advised.

As in most years we helped several pyometra cases, womb infections, where the best treatment is removal of the uterus and ovaries. There was a wide range of prices for the procedure across Scotland, from £600 to over £2,000, but we strove to help as much as possible with each case.

As a semi-retired veterinary surgeon, I would advise dog owners to shop around more than in the past for prices, treatment and diagnostic protocols if your dog has a non-emergency condition.

Iain Butt BUM&S, MRCVS

Tali

A Veterinary Aid Case

Through the Veterinary Aid Scheme, Dog Aid Scotland helped Tali the 8 year old Staffy and her owner by contributing towards Tali's lump removal surgery in the summer of 2023. The owner was advised by their vet that the lump growing on her neck needed to be removed. DAS is happy to report that Tali recovered well and quickly returned to her normal ways:

Tali has a big personality - she loves food and attention and will do anything to get them! She does the best puppy-eyes (begging) for treats and has selective hearing when she does not want to do something; she will give dirty looks when she does not get what she wants. Tali is very vocal, she squeaks (never barks) as if trying to tell her owner what she wants. She will knock the phone out of your hand to make sure you give her all your attention!

Tali is the best hot water bottle in the winter with all her cuddles. She enjoys a good adventure with or without other friends, as you can see here (right).

DAS is very pleased to help dogs and owners in this way and for them to get such a great result.

Our contributions through the Veterinary Aid Scheme can help households in very tough times get their dog's health and collective happiness back on track.



Legacies & Trusts

Dog Aid Scotland was the grateful recipient of the following legacies and donations in 2023, without which we would have struggled to maintain stability:

Legacies

Mrs Helen Horner	£23,798.69
Ms Alice Hall	£200
Mrs Inez C. Wood	£3,000

Trusts

Elizabeth McGregor-Dziniak Charitable Trust for Animals	£6,000
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Thanks

Dog Aid Scotland would be unable to provide support to so many dogs and dog owners around Scotland without the help of many businesses and individuals. Our most sincere thanks go to:

- Our Honorary President Jay Crawford for his support throughout the year.
- The staff at ICR Veterinary Surgeons for the care they provide to DAS dogs.
- Jane Glass and David McLuckie at Cranstoun Boarding Kennels for always giving love and care to our dogs when they need it most.
- Arran Dog Bakery for their generosity and continued support.
- Every kind person who has taken a DAS dog into their home and for showing compassion and dedication to rescue dogs.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported DAS throughout 2023. Special thanks to our members and friends of DAS, who without their loyal support, we would be unable to continue our valuable work assisting dogs all over Scotland.

Membership & Standing Order Form - For New Members Only

To help dogs in Scotland, I enclose

- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Cheque / P.O. (Payable to Dog Aid Society of Scotland)
- ☐ Standing Order - see overleaf

OR you can pay by card over the phone on 0300 365 2500.

Please tick your chosen membership and amount:

Single Annual	Joint Annual*
£10	£15

*Joint membership is for two members living at the same address.

Name.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Telephone No.....

Signed.....Date.....

Thank you for your kind support. If you pay tax please consider ticking the Gift Aid box below.

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Yes, I am a UK taxpayer and I want to Gift Aid my membership subscription and any membership subscriptions or donations I make in the future to the Dog Aid Society of Scotland. I understand that if I pay Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in a year less than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Thank you.

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Standing Order Form

To arrange a standing order for membership please enter the following details and send to: Riccarton Mains Farm, 1b The Cottage, Edinburgh, EH14 4AR.

Name.....
Address.....
Postcode.....Tel. No.....

Please arrange the following standing order and debit the account accordingly.
Please ensure the commencement date is at least a month away.

Your Account Details

Account Name.....
Account Number.....
Sort Code.....
Bank Name.....
Bank Address.....

Payee Details

Dog Aid Society of Scotland
Account Number: 10400917
Sort Code: 83-91-46
Bank Name: CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West
Mailing, Kent, KE19 4JQ

Please tick amount	£10	£15	Other amount £_____
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monthly/annually, commencing/...../202..... until further notice.

Signature.....Date.....

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Accounts for 2023

This summary has been extracted from the full accounts, which were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th August 2024. It does not constitute the charity's statutory account. Copies of the full audited accounts can be obtained by writing to Dog Aid Scotland.

SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income From:		
Donations and Legacies	89,606	50,893
Charitable Activities	1,657	1,376
Other trading activities	3,739	4,270
Investment Income	<u>84,513</u>	<u>85,771</u>
Total Income	<u>179,515</u>	<u>142,310</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising Funds	22,865	26,836
Charitable Activities	295,899	263,239
Other	<u>2,183</u>	<u>7,682</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>320,947</u>	<u>297,757</u>
Net gains/losses on Investments		
Net Gains on Investments	<u>339,111</u>	<u>(565,034)</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	197,679	(720,481)
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	<u>3,301,562</u>	<u>4,022,043</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>3,499,241</u>	<u>3,301,562</u>
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	6,128	111,876
Investments	3,146,888	3,129,547
Investment property	<u>195,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	3,348,016	3,241,423
Current Assets		
Stock	3,905	4,111
Debtors	31,354	15,022
Cash At Bank & In Hand	<u>134,586</u>	<u>58,747</u>
Total Current Assets	169,845	77,880
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	<u>(18,620)</u>	<u>(17,741)</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>151,225</u>	<u>60,139</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>3,499,241</u>	<u>3,301,562</u>
Funds: Unrestricted	<u>3,499,241</u>	<u>3,301,562</u>











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