#### Charity Registration No 1133827

Company Registration No. 06797855 (England and Wales)

# ALEXANDRA BASTEDO (CHAMPIONS) ANIMAL SANCTUARY LIMITED TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2012

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Company number 06797855

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#### TRUSTEES' REPORT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2012

The trustees are pleased to present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 January 2012

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005

#### Structure, governance and management

Alexandra Bastedo (Champions) Animal Sanctuary Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 21st January 2009 and registered as a charity on 27th January 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up the members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were Mr A Sims

Mrs A Garland

Mr J Williams

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up

Given the nature of the charity's activities no formal induction or training is considered to be required. The trustees are aware of their responsibilities and take advice from the Charity Commission and professional advisers as the need arises.

The day to day management of the affairs of Alexandra Bastedo (Champions) Animal Sanctuary Limited is undertaken by the Trustees At the moment there are no paid employees

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks

#### Objectives and activities

The Objects for which the Charity was established are -

- To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals
- To provide therapeutic experiences for members of the public suffering from stress, bereavement depression and other mental distress through contact with, and caring for, animals

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2012

#### Achievements and performance

The charity was registered on 27 January 2010 and took over the running of the sanctuary previously established as a private sanctuary by Alexandra Bastedo (Mrs Garland) who remains as a founder Trustee with John Williams and Allan Sims

The Charity has continued the work of the Sanctuary and has spent the year rescuing all types of domestic animal (excluding dogs) which have been ill treated, neglected or abandoned. The object remains to rehome all animals whenever possible in order to find the space to accommodate newcomers. Where it appears to be impossible to rehome an animal through ill health or temperament, the Sanctuary will offer a permanent home.

We currently have over 20 equines of varying size, more than 40 cats and a variety of pigs, goats, ducks, geese, peacocks and a turkey who live in our tranquil 10 acres

We offer the opportunity for groups of local schoolchildren to visit the Sanctuary and we also take animals into schools so that the children can learn how they should be treated. We also visit care homes for the elderly. We are conscious that a significant number of people suffer from depression, anxiety, bereavement and other forms of mental stress - the problems of which can often be alleviated by contact with, or caring for, animals. We have an increasing number of such people who join us as volunteers and we see the improvement in their situations as they spend time with us. We continue to assist the local community by taking students for their Duke of Edinburgh awards and others (whose future lies in working with animals) for work experience.

The Trustees will continue to increase the appeal of the Sanctuary to the general public by improving the amenities we have to offer and to increase the number of Open Days. The new Tea Room will make life easier for both volunteers and guests (once planning permission is granted). We intend to pursue the concept that the Sanctuary is equally for the benefit of animals and humans where the latter have needs of association with animals to improve or assist their particular stress related issues.

The number of 'Friends' has shown a healthy increase over the last year and we continue to embark on new and exciting fund raising activities

We shall continue to take in as many animals as we possibly can but we remain aware of the financial constraints

#### Financial review

The current period continues to prove difficult as many people are abandoning their pets through lack of finance and this gives rise to a particular strain on sanctuaries such as ours

Costs are increasing constantly and this, together with a general reduction in charitable giving, has proved a constant strain on our ability to continue. Our costs continue to increase because of a combination of factors which include the increase in the number of animals we have to care for, food and Vet bills. Despite the difficulties our income increased mainly due to our Open Weekend and a generous donation of £5,000 destined for a new tearoom. The year ended with a surplus of slightly under £6,000 (mainly due to the tearoom costs not yet expended.) The Trustees are confident that the Charity will continue to cover costs through events and an increased number of 'Friends'

We are totally dependent on our 60 plus unpaid volunteers to whom the Trustees offer their grateful thanks

We welcome our latest Patron - Lorraine Chase - who has assisted us for many years and brings a sparkle to our open days

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2012

The Charity operates on a year by year basis with fundraising increased to cover any unexpected increase in costs. The Trustees strive to attain a position where reserves of three to six months will be held to cover fluctuations in both income and expense. However, with such a young charity, funds raised can often fall short when unexpected expenses are incurred. The Trustees will always increase current fund raising to cover deficits but this inevitably is achieved after a delay. The current deficit is covered by loans from Trustees. Whilst this is not ideal, the Trustees feel that it is unlikely to improve in the short term given the poor economic climate, and the Trustees are willing to continue with loans which are necessary to avoid a reduction in the Charity meeting its commitments.

#### Plans for the future

The Trustees will continue to increase the appeal of the Sanctuary to the general public by improving the amenities we have to offer and to increase the number of Open Days. The number of 'ABC Friends' has shown a healthy increase over the last year and we continue to embark on new and exciting fund raising activities.

We shall continue to take in as many animals as we possibly can but we remain aware of the financial constraints

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

On behalf of the board of trustees

Mr A Sims

Trustee

Dated 22/10/12

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees, who are also the directors of Alexandra Bastedo (Champions) Animal Sanctuary Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

# TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALEXANDRA BASTEDO (CHAMPIONS) ANIMAL SANCTUARY LIMITED

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2012, which are set out on pages 6 to 12

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of Alexandra Bastedo (Champions) Animal Sanctuary Limited for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, the 2011 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- (III) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
  - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities,

have not been met, or

(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Ms E M Houghton ACA FCCA DChA

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Dated 26 Th October 2012

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2012

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2012 £	Total 2011 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies	2	32,496	5,000	37,496	30,372
Activities for generating funds	3	24,822		24,822	17,732
		57,318	5,000	62,318	48,104
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	2,000	· <u>-</u>	2,000	-
Total incoming resources		59,318	5,000	64,318	48,104
Resources expended	5	<del>-</del>			
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising trading costs of goods sold	3	3,941		3,941	2,239
Net incoming resources available		55,377	5,000	60,377	45,865
Charitable activities					
Animal Sanctuary		54,136	-	54,136	48,427
Governance costs		570		570	570
Total resources expended		58,647		58,647	51,236
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		671	5,000	5,671	(3,132)
Fund balances at 1 February 2011		(4,886)		(4,886)	(1,754)
Fund balances at 31 January 2012		(4,215)	5,000	785	(4,886)

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006

The statement of financial activities has been prepared on the basis that all activities are continuing

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the statement of financial activities

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JANUARY 2012

		201	2012		2011	
	Notes	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	9		2,127		-	
Current assets						
Stocks		100		100		
Cash at bank and in hand		10,395		5,427		
		10,495		5,527		
Creditors: amounts falling due with	ın					
one year	10	(11,837)		(10,413)		
Net current liabilities			(1,342)		(4,886)	
Total assets less current liabilities			785		(4,886)	
Income funds						
Restricted funds	11		5,000		-	
Unrestricted funds			(4,215)		(4,886)	
			785		(4,886)	

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 January 2012. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

The accounts were approved by the Board on 22/19/12

Mr A Sıms

Trustee

Company Registration No. 06797855

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2012

#### **Accounting policies**

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 1 (Revised 1996) 'Cash Flow Statements' from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Companies Act 2006

Fundraising income and donations are included in the year in which they are received

Grants are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources

Legacies receivable are included in the accounts when they satisfy the following criteria

Entitlement

- actual receipt or legally enforceable right to receipt

Certainty

- reasonable certainty of receipt

Measurement - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

#### 1 2 Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity

Trading costs are those costs directly attributable to trading income and fundraising

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Assets costing below £200 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows

Freehold land is not depreciated

Freehold buildings

10% straight line per annum

#### 14 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value

#### 15 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used, details of which are included in note 11

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2012

1	Accounting Policies			(c	ontinued)
16	Taxation The charitable company is registered as a charity gains applied for charitable purposes	and is exempt f	rom taxation o	n its income a	nd capital
2	Donations and legacies				
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2012 £	Total 2011 £
	Donations and gifts Legacies receivable	31,796 700	5,000 -	36,796 700	30,372
		32,496	5,000	37,496	30,372
3	Activities for generating funds				
				2012 £	2011 £
	Activities for generating funds Fundraising trading costs of goods sold			24,822 (3,941)	17,732 (2,239)
	Net Activities for generating funds		,	20,881	15,493
4	Incoming resources from charitable activities				
				2012 £	2011 £
	Grants			2,000	-

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2012

5	Total resources expended				
		Depreciation	Other	Total	Total
			costs	2012	2011
		£	£	£	£
	Costs of generating funds				
	Fundraising trading costs of goods sold	-	3,941	3,941	2,239
	Charitable activities				
	Animal Sanctuary				
	Activities undertaken directly	240	52,090	52,330	47,371
	Support costs		1,806	1,806	1,056
	Total	240	53,896	54,136	48,427
	Governance costs		570	570	570
		240	58,407	58,647	51,236

Governance costs includes payments to the Independent Examiner of £285 (2011 - £285) for accounts and £285 (2011 - £285) for Independent Examination fees

#### 6 Support costs

	<b>2012</b> £	2011 £
General office administration costs	1,806	1,056
	1,806	1,056

#### 7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year

#### 8 Employees

There were no employees during the year

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2012

9	Tangible fixed assets		Land and buildings £
	Cost		
	At 1 February 2011		-
	Additions		2,367
	At 31 January 2012		2,367
	Depreciation		
	At 1 February 2011		-
	Charge for the year		240
	At 31 January 2012		240
	Net book value		
	At 31 January 2012		<u>2,127</u>
10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2012	2011
		£	£
	Trade creditors	4,431	3,052
	Other creditors	6,836	6,791
	Accruals	570	570
		11,837	10,413

#### 11 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 February 2011	Incoming resources		Balance at 31 January 2012
	£	£	£	£
Tea Room	-	5,000	-	5,000
		5,000	-	5,000

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2012

Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 January 2012 are represented by			
Tangible fixed assets	2,127	-	2,127
Current assets	5,495	5,000	10,495
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	(11,837)		(11,837)
	(4,215)	5,000	785

#### 13 Related parties

During the year the charity repaid £2,395 to Mr A Sims and received a loan of £2,440 from Mrs A Garland At the balance sheet date the charity owed Mr A Sims £920 (2011 - £3,315) and owed Mrs A Garland £5,916 (2011 - £3,476)