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Alexandra Bastedo (Champions) Animal Sanctuary Limited

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

For the year ended 31 January 2013

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# Year ended 31 January 2013

# Legal and administrative information

**Trustees** 

Mr A Sims Mrs A Garland

Mr J Williams

Ms C Tofield-Cook (appointed 9 July 2013)

Charity number

1133827

Company number

06797855

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# Alexandra Bastedo (Champions) Animal Sanctuary Limited Year ended 31 January 2013

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# Year ended 31 January 2013

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees are pleased to present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 January 2013.

Alexandra Bastedo (Champions) Animal Sanctuary Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 21 January 2009 and registered as a charity on 27 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. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity. In the event of the charity being wound up the members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding  $\pounds 1$ .

The day to day management of the affairs of the charity is undertaken by the trustees. At the moment there are no paid employees.

The trustees, who for the purposes of company law are also the directors of the company, who served during the year are:

Mr A Sims Mrs A Garland Mr J Williams

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 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

#### Objects and strategy

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.
- 2 To provide therapeutic experiences for members of the public suffering from stress, bereavement, depression and other mental stress, through contact with and caring for animals.

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

### **Achievements and performance**

The Charity has continued the work of running the Sanctuary which began in 2010 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.

### Year ended 31 January 2013

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

# **Achievements and performance (continued)**

We currently have over 25 equines of varying size, more than 40 cats and a variety of pigs, goats, ducks, geese and peacocks who live in our tranquil 10 acres. Equines are increasingly difficult to rehome and more are offered to us when owners are no longer able to afford to keep them (or for other reasons).

We carry on with offers to local schools 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 Charity has improved its procedures throughout the year and has subsequently become more efficient. Rehoming, particularly of cats, has increased considerably and we have had significant successes in finding suitable homes for pigs and some equines.

Throughout the year we have made significant improvements in our stock of accommodation for equines, cats and pigs and, whilst there is some way to go, we are satisfied with this year's progress.

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

### **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 continue to increase 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. We have now built our new Tea Room which is proving very popular. The year ended with a small surplus and the Trustees are confident that the Charity, in its early years, will continue to grow and will cover costs through fundraising events and an increased number of 'Friends'.

Our Open Weekend suffered from a cold spell of wind and weather resulting in a lowering of expected income. During the year we instigated a series of fundraising dinners entitled "An Evening With....." which have become very successful. We hope to continue these during next year provided we can get enough celebrity friends to join us.

#### 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, particularly with respect to Open Days exclusively for Friends. The new Tea Room will make life easier for both volunteers and guests. 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.

### Year ended 31 January 2013

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

### Plans for the future (continued)

The number of 'Friends' continues to show a healthy increase over the last year and we plan 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.

#### Reserves

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 fundraising to cover deficits but this is inevitably achieved after a delay. While 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.

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

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Mr A Sims Trustee

28 October 2013

#### Year ended 31 January 2013

### 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.

#### Year ended 31 January 2013

# 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 2013, 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 Charites 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 any 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 the company 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. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

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

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- 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
- in 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
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 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

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28 October 2013

# Year ended 31 January 2013

# Statement of financial activities including income and expenditure account

		Unrestricted	Restricted		
		funds	funds	Total	Total
	Note	2013	2013	2013	2012
<b>-</b> •.		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Donations	2	36,278	_	36,278	37,496
Activities for generating funds	3	24,329	-	24,329	24,822
J		60,607		60,607	62,318
Incoming resources from charitable		·		•	
activities	4	800	<u>-</u>	800	2,000
Total incoming resources		61,407	<del>-</del>	61,407	64,318
Resources expended	5				
Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising expenditure		3,436	•	3,436	3,941
		3,436	-	3,436	3,941
Net incoming resources available		57,971	-	57,971	60,377
Charitable activities					
Animal Sanctuary		54,070	-	54,070	54,136
Governance costs		200	-	200	570
		54,270	-	54,270	54,706
Net incoming resources before					
transfers and net income for the year		3,701	-	3,701	5,671
Transfers between funds		5,000	(5,000)	_	
Net movement in funds for the year		8,701	(5,000)	3,701	5,671
Fund balances at 1 February 2012		(4,215)	5,000	785	(4,886)
Fund balances at 31 January 2013		4,486	<u>-</u>	4,486	785

### Year ended 31 January 2013

### **Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2013**

		201	.3	2012	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets Fixed assets	9		13,125		2,127
Current assets Stocks Debtors	10	1,600 802		100	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,793		10,395	
		7,195	-	10,495	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(15,834)		(11,837)	
Net current liabilities		-	(8,639)	_	(1,342)
Total assets less current liabilities			4,486	_	785
Income funds					
Restricted funds Unrestricted funds	12	_	4,486	_	5,000 (4,215)
			4,486	-	785

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 2013. 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.

These accounts were approved by the Board on 28 October 2013.

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Mr A Sims

Trustee

Company registration number 06797855

### Year ended 31 January 2013

#### Notes to the accounts

### 1 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.

### 1.2 Incoming resources

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

Donations in the form of gifts in kind are recognised as incoming resources when distributed with an equivalent amount being included as resources expended. Gifts in kind are valued at an estimate of the market value the charity would have to pay for an equivalent item.

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

#### 1.3 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 costs incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### 1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets 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:

Buildings 10% straight line per annum

### Year ended 31 January 2013

# Notes to the accounts (continued)

#### 1.5 Stock

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

#### 1.6 Taxation

The company is exempt from corporation tax on the grounds that it is a charity and all of its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 1.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects 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 12.

### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2013 £	Restricted funds 2013 £	Total 2013 £	Total 2012 £
Donations and gifts Legacies receivable	36,278 -	-	36,278 -	36,796 700
	36,278	-	36,278	37,496

Donations and gifts for 2013 includes £2,000 which is the estimated second hand value of stables donated to the charity during the year and included in fixed assets as explained in note 9

### 3 Activities for generating funds

	2013 £	2012 £
Activities for generating funds Fundraising expenses	24,329 (3,436)	24,822 (3,941)
Net activities for generating funds	20,893	20,881

# 4 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2013 £	2012 £
Grants	800	2,000
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# Year ended 31 January 2013

# Notes to the accounts (continued)

# 5 Total resources expended

	Note	Depreciation	Other costs	Total	Total
		2013	2013	2013	2012
		£	£	£	£
Cost of generating funds					
Open day expenses		-	3,150	3,150	1,027
Other fundraising expenditure		-	286	286	2,914
		-	3,436	3,436	3,941
Charitable activities Animal Sanctuary			·	·	·
Activities undertaken directly		-	51,583	51,583	52,330
Support costs	6	720	1,767	2,487	1,806
Total		720	53,350	54,070	54,136
Governance costs		-	200	200	570
Total resources expended		720	56,986	57,706	58,647

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £200 (2012: £285) for fees and £nil (2012: £285) for other services.

# 6 Support costs

	2013 £	2012 £
General office administration costs	2,487	1,806
	2,487	1,806

### 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 or during the prior year.

# Year ended 31 January 2013

# Notes to the accounts (continued)

# 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings Total £
Cost	
At 1 February 2012 Additions in the year Disposals	2,367 11,900 -
At 31 January 2013	14,267
Depreciation	
At 1 February 2012 Charge for the year	240 902
Disposals	-
At 31 January 2013	1,142
Net book value	
At 31 January 2013	13,125
At 31 January 2012	2,127

Additions to fixed assets includes £6,900 in respect of stables donated to the charity during the year, made up of their estimated second hand value of £2,000, together with £4,900 being the cost of dismantling the stables, transporting them and re-erecting them at the Sanctuary

# 10 Debtors

		2013 £	2012 £
	Other debtors	802	-
11 (	Creditors		
		2013 £	2012 £
	Trade creditors Other creditors Accruals	5,199 10,435 200	4,431 6,836 570
		15,834	11,837

### Year ended 31 January 2013

# Notes to the accounts (continued)

#### 12 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 2012	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 January 2013
	£	£	£	£
Tea room	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
	5,000	-	(5,000)	

The tea room was purchased and erected during the year. the balance on the restricted fund has therefore been transferred to unrestricted funds as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### 13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 January 2013 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	13,125	_	13,125
Current assets	7,195	-	7,195
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	(15,834)	-	(15,834)
	4,486	_	4,486

### 14 Related parties

During the year the charity received a loan of £3,337 from Mrs A Garland and a loan of £263 from Ms C Sims, a person connected with Mr A Sims. At the year end the charity owed £9,253 (2012: £5,916) to Mrs A Garland, £920 (2012: £920) to Mr A Sims and £263 (2012. nil) to Ms C Sims.