

Charity Commission announces inquiry into Muffin Pug Rescue

Press release

The Charity Commission has opened a statutory inquiry into Muffin Pug Rescue, over concerns about potential misconduct and/or mismanagement at the charity.



The charity was established to relieve the suffering of pugs through rehoming them and providing care, protection and treatment where necessary.

The Commission has previously issued the trustees with advice and guidance on submitting the charity's accounts but they have repeatedly failed to comply with the legal requirement to do so for the past 5 years.

An analysis by the Commission of the charity's bank statements identified concerns that some funds may not have been spent in furtherance of the charity's purposes.

The trustees' repeated failure in their legal duty to submit the charity's accounts and the concerns about spending will now be investigated within the framework of a statutory inquiry. The inquiry will examine the administration, governance and management of the charity and in particular:

- The trustees' compliance with legal obligations for the content, preparation and filing of the charity's accounts and other information or returns
- The possible misappropriation and/or misapplication of the charity's funds

The Commission may extend the scope of the inquiry if additional issues emerge.

It is the Commission's policy, after it has concluded an inquiry, to publish a report detailing what issues the inquiry looked at, what actions were undertaken as part of the inquiry and what the outcomes were.

Reports of previous inquiries are available on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

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Notes to editors:

1. The Charity Commission is the independent, non-ministerial government department that registers and regulates charities in England and Wales. Its purpose is to ensure charity can thrive and inspire trust so that people can improve lives and strengthen society.

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