

Chairpersons Report 2024

The challenges we have faced over the last year pretty much reflects 2023, with financial donations down, along with pet food donations dropping by a third. Despite the disappointing drop in funds, and food we are still able to fulfil our commitments without compromising our work rescuing and rehoming unwanted and abandoned animals.

Our low-cost spaying and neutering scheme continues, helping people on low income with the financial cost.

The intake of animals has not slowed down and the daily requests from the public wanting to surrender their animals has increased. Some of the reasons given are, moving house and not allowed to take pets, another is the financial burden of feeding their pets and the rising cost of vet bills along with mental health issues and domestic abuse.

Our Alternative Project which was started 20yrs ago looking after family pets in times of crisis is ever more in demand. The project covers emergency hospital admissions, fleeing domestic violence and temporary homelessness.

The trustees are pleased to report that our foster home network has increased over the last year with a dedicated team of people fostering animals on behalf of the charity.

The trustees are also delighted to report the charity is still able to support local food banks through donations of pet food for individuals struggling with the financial cost of feeding their animals. Having access to pet food through food banks has great benefits for many people if they *are* struggling financially. In some cases, it means family pets can stay with their families rather than be surrendered. We are fortunate enough to have pet food bins in eight local supermarkets.

Last year we reported we were hoping to build a purpose-built cat and kitten unit for cats with very young kittens providing a safe and tranquil space for them, the trustees are very happy to report that we have achieved this, and it is now up and running.

Our fundraising continues and we now have a designated person who looks after our fundraising calendar making sure the months ahead are productive, raising much needed funds as well as raising awareness and education in animal welfare through our leaflets and the services we provide.

The trustees are also very pleased to report that we have been nominated and selected as Charity of the Year by Pets at Home, Teesside. This brings huge benefits for the charity with the opportunity to fundraise, collect donations of pet food and interact with customers on the work we do, this is a wonderful platform to raise our profile.

Over the coming months we are hoping to replace our old cat isolation unit with a new one.

We have also designated a piece of land on our site to create a habitat for wildlife through the planting of trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

The trustees move forward as always with hope and enthusiasm, helping the steady stream of animals that cross our path along with promoting the work of the charity. We do this with resolve and determination along with our unwavering volunteers and supporters to whom we owe so much.

Pauline Wilson – Trustee/Chairperson

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 7 **Paid employees**
Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

7.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	7,395	7,602
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Pension costs	133	41
Total staff costs	7,528	7,643

7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	This year Number	Last year Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work		
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	1	1
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	1	1

7.3 Defined contribution pension scheme

Please complete if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.

Brief details of the scheme

	This year £	Last year £
The costs of the scheme to the charity for the year		
The amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end		
The amount of any contributions prepaid at the year end		

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National Animal Sanctuaries Support League

Accountants Report

For the year ended 31st August 2023

We have prepared for your approval the accounts of The National animal Sanctuaries Support League for the year ended 31 August 2021 as set out on the accompanying accounts from the Charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

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