Carla Lane Animals In Need

England & Wales · Charity number 1031342

Details

Other names	ANIMALINE LIMITED, CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED LIMITED
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	02314427
Registered	1994-01-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE THROUGH PROMOTION OF KINDNESS AND THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FOOD, SHELTER AND VETERINARY TREATMENT FOR ANIMALS WHICH ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION. 2. THE PROVISION OF NEUTERING, EDUCATION, AND ADVOCACY SERVICES TO OTHER ANIMAL CARERS AND OWNERS IN FURTHERING THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS. 3. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN AND TO CARRY OUT RESEARCH INCLUDING THE NEED, NATURAL BEHAVIOUR, HABITS AND LIFESTYLE OF ANIMALS, AND THE PROPER CARE OF ALL DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND MAKE PUBLIC THE USEFUL RESULT OF SUCH RESEARCH.

Activities: Animal Rescue and Welfare

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Animals
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,195,573	£1,072,985	£3,644,142	23
2024-03-31	£1,054,868	£805,995	£3,521,554	19
2023-03-31	£1,557,827	£707,818	£3,272,681	17
2022-03-31	£919,253	£600,477	£2,422,672	16
2021-03-31	£985,185	£516,561	£2,103,896	16

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
FRAN ELLIS		2013-02-06
Helen Elizabeth Smyth		2025-10-01
MARGARET IRENE BRADY		2013-02-06

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Accounts

Carla Lane Animals In Need

Trustee Report 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

Appendix

Please read the newsletters for an insight into the work we do and the many lives saved.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Amongst all of the sadness, worry and devastation for our beloved bullies and their owners recently, we have some wonderful news to report about a very special dog of prohibited type who is a friend to everyone at the sanctuary - **Fran's beautiful boy Buster is home to stay!**
Our friends may remember us appealing for help for Buster several years ago when his owner was unable to keep him. Buster had never done anything wrong, but had been found to have the appearance of a prohibited type and his owner's circumstances meant he was at risk of destruction.
We stepped in and helped to find Buster a new owner through complicated legal proceedings. He meant the world to us and we fought hard to save his life, our team grew to know and love Buster and provided support and care to him in his new home where he was very happy.
He visited us at the rescue for vet checks and came to run and play on our private freedom field, we loved spending time with this smiley happy friendly bundle of joy and his many toys!
We were devastated when Buster once again found himself at risk of losing his life through no fault of his own, when his second owner became prevented from keeping him. Our founder and chair of Trustees Fran Ellis had grown very fond of Buster after losing her previous pit bull boy, and after a lengthy process where she was kindly supported and assisted by both Lancashire and Merseyside Police, our 2024 began with Buster finally coming home from Police kennels to Fran's loving arms.
We were all extremely relieved to know that Buster will never be at risk again now that he is safe and happy with his mum Fran, and we get to have regular playtime with him once again! In the middle of all of the misery and chaos for the poor prohibited dogs and their owners, Buster's return brought us smiles and hope for the dogs who manage to make it through the legal process. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS POSSIBLE!**
Buster's life was saved not once but twice, and we are forever grateful to our extremely dedicated legal representatives, **The Dog Clinic at KWP**, for helping us to ensure his safety. Our thanks go also to the Police who supported Fran's application and facilitated Buster's safe return.
For his sake and for the 1000s of others like him, we must continue to call for an end to Breed Specific Legislation NOW.

DOWN ON THE FARM

We've battled through the frozen hose pipe, cold weather and now it's the **mud, mud** and **more mud**, just like the dog team! The fab team from **Burscough Pets At Home** moved a tonote of bark up to the farm to help with the mud. **Barnaby**, our adorable Hebridean sheep, caused us a big worry recently when he stopped eating. After many vet call outs and the dedication of the team (thanks to Hil & Chris) we are happy to report that Barnaby is back to his normal self. **What a relief!** Our new small animal unit is now in use with our current residents, but there are some alterations still to do. We'll have an update in our next newsletter. As the weather warms up, we'll be looking forward to finding our bunnies permanent loving homes to go to.
If you are interested in adopting, please fill out our online ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE FORM on our website. **Donations of leafy greens, carrots, apples, mixed corn for the hens plus bunny treats, Rabbit Excel and Timothy Hay are always welcomed throughout the year.**

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CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED
Spring 2024 Newsletter

Registered Charity No 1031342

Dear Friends,
Welcome to our **Spring Newsletter**, with special thanks to all of you who donated and helped to get us through a long hard winter. It was the saddest and most worrying time for all of us at the Rescue.

Our maternity unit was extra busy with litter after litter of unwanted and abandoned puppies and their poor overbred mums. The inappropriate breeding of dogs has reached an all-time high and even though we have excellent facilities it has been very difficult to cope with. The pressure on our staff emotionally and physically has been relentless. With some working round to clock to care for sick and vulnerable animals.

Added to this was the dreadful situation surrounding the XL Bully type dogs, we had a race against time to rear and wean pups and find suitable responsible homes before the 31/12/23. The pups and adults all had to have an exemption certificate from DEFRA by 31st January, failing this they would have to be destroyed. There was so many needing help, we did all we could to save as many as possible as well as having to deal with unusually high numbers of abandoned dogs all ages, sizes and breeds.
It was an almost impossible task trying to save hundreds of beautiful gentle dogs destined for destruction in the council dog shelters all over the country. The constant appeals for help broke our hearts but we did help, and we saved as many as we could, every kennel every room at the Sanctuary was a home to a dog over Christmas.

Just one example is **Precious**, a kind gentle XL youngster, abandoned by her owner. We took her in, and we were able to get her exemption through in the nick of time, she now has a wonderful home with one of our long term volunteers.
Others of her kind were not so lucky, although over 40,000 were exempted, thousands of others including puppies faced imminent destruction, nothing could be done to save them, the new law prevented Rescuers from helping them. We cling to the fact that hundreds are alive and legally safe thanks to our work and the work of other Rescuers.

Our other day to day work continued, looking after the cats and kittens, feeding cleaning walking the dogs, getting the new rabbit unit ready for occupancy by our big eared guests, they have waited a long time for their new home. What better time than spring, for our easter bunnies to move in.

Our running costs have increased enormously due to the number of abandoned animals we have helped. Vet bills have soared as well as costs of food and other running costs. It is really a struggle to fund it all.

Your kind donations help us to keep going for the animals that desperately need and deserve help. Every penny donated is spent on providing the care they need and gives hope for a brighter future free from abuse and neglect.

Thank you for supporting our charity and helping us protect and provide for helpless animals.
We are truly grateful.

With best wishes from Trustees,
staff and all the animals.

We have been busy. A snapshot of our recent work and achievements. Where has the time gone!

SUPPORTING THE POUND PULLERS & THE DEATH ROW DOGS

Since our last newsletter, we have helped
- **8 litters of puppies**
- **45 individual pups**
- **71 dogs from the pound**
- **7 XL Bullys** (All exempted)
- **Rehomed 207!**

Our work continues with **'Pound Pullers'** to help secure rescue spaces at our Sanctuary or in emergency boarding for desperate dogs due to be put to sleep. These poor dogs find themselves at the mercy of the holding kennels where they are kept. Frightened and bewildered they remain there for 7 days until either their owners come forward to claim or ***they lose their lives***. **We just can't let this happen**. We work with Jan and her team at her local boarding kennels and network with other organisations, **Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary** and **Freshfields Animal Rescue Centre** to save more dogs.
Here are some of the lucky ones we recently took into our care.

VULNERABLE MUMS & PUPS — NOW IN SAFE HANDS

POOR SCARLETT HAD *SIXTEEN PUPPIES*!

EXEMPTED XL BULLYS—LEGAL & LOVED

Donate

Winnie was so poorly as a puppy but made a full recovery.

We worked NONSTOP to ensure that the XLs on our list were exempted *before* the 12 noon deadline.
In total we set up
- **55 x EXEMPTIONS**
- **3 x COMPANION CLUB MEMBERSHIPS (3rd party insurance)**
- **5 x MICROCHIPPINGS**

We spent over £5000!
Now we have started arranging neuters for XLs over 1yr old.

PRECIOUS AND PINK'S SPECIAL FUND to support dogs through the court process, that have been seized due to **Breed Specific Legislation.** These dogs, Pit Bulls and XL's have done nothing wrong they are taken away because of how they look not how they behave.
We need your **HELP** to bring these dogs safely home to their rightful responsible owners.
Please donate and save innocent lives.
Carla Lane Animals In Need, a voice for **ALL DOGS** regardless of breed.
We stand by you.

SAVED IN TIME—THE UNWANTED & NEGLECTED

Neglected Louie when he was rescued. Now recovered in a lovely home.

Young Pippa was found in a terrible state, with painful open sores on her skin. With a lot of TLC from the team at CLAIN & her foster carers, Helen & Bob, she has made a fabulous improvement.

SPECIAL VET PROCEDURES

Little **Sheldon** came to us with a ghastly neck wound that needed immediate veterinary treatment. This sweet boy is now recovering thanks to his rescuer, Cats Protection, the team at Barn Lodge Vets in Kirkby & our cat team.

Poor **Bonzo** the Bulldog came to us in need of a double eye operation to correct his Cherry Eye condition.
He is such a happy fella and all the dog team love him.

It's been relatively quiet in the cattery for the past few months, as lower than usual adoption rates mean less spaces for new arrivals. However, we were delighted to see Narnia and Nirvana off to a new home together, followed by all their kittens – they were both heavily pregnant when they came to the rescue, gave birth within days of each other, and co-parented the brood in one adorable pile. Just before Christmas, we welcomed in the Three Wise Men, a chaotic and charismatic trio of boys who cuddled, groomed and played with each other like youngsters. True examples of sisterly and brotherly affection! December also saw one of our saddest recent cases, homeless old boys **Odin** and Orion, who we believe were brothers too. They had been huddling together in a rotten shed for shelter, and poor Orion was extremely ill. After being given some last comfort in a foster home, the vets advised that the kindest thing was to let him go to sleep. Odin was forlorn without his companion, but is now feeling much better, and thriving with another one of our fostering team. Cats understand their family bonds, just like we do, and all our cattery residents are looking forward to being part of a new loving family. Besides the comings and goings, we're excited to announce that work on our new boarding cattery is almost complete, and we hope to be officially open for business very soon! All cats are welcome to stay with us, but we'd especially love to see familiar faces who were adopted from the rescue.

FUNDRAISING VITAL TO OUR WORK

We turn all the gifts and goodies, unwanted clothing, bric-a-brac and other saleable items into money to support the work at the Sanctuary. Our charity shop in Brows Lane, Formby is our biggest asset, the amazing volunteers there do an incredible job raising thousands every month to help pay the vet bills. We have no paid staff, they all volunteer their time to support the animals at the Sanctuary. We always need good quality stuff to sell in the shop. Jewellery, records, musical instruments, nice household items, all sell we welcome items in good clean condition. Our raffles and suctions are also a way to boost the Sanctuary income. Unwanted gifts, new items, chocs and drinks all help us save lives by providing valuable funds. **Shop address Brows Lane, Formby, L37 4HS**
01704 879 297 If you would like to join our **FUNDRAISING TEAM**, please call us on 0151 5490959 or email animals_inneed@hotmail.co.uk

WE HAVE BEEN SAVED BY CLAIN, NOW WE NEED YOU TO GIVE US A HOME FOR LIFE

Here are just some of the dogs in our care needing homes. We have a **huge waiting list of all types of breeds, so please fill out our online Adoption Questionnaire Form if you are interested in adopting.**
Max, 9 years old, looking for a friend to go on an adventure. **Dexter**, 2 years old. Looking for an active home. **Judge**, 8 years old, looking for an understanding home. **Jan**, 4 years old, looking for an experience home. **Annie**, 2 years old, deserving of a 5 star home. **George**, 3 years old, all around good boy looking for a home. **Petal**, 1 years old, looking for an active home. **Rio**, 1 years old, looking for someone to love. **Daisy**, 2 years old, Longing for a loving home. **Jax**, 2 years old, waiting for his forever home. **Hugo**, 5 years old, wants a buddy for life. **Trixie**, 1 years old, looking for a home full of cuddles. **Esme**, 6 months old, wishing for a garden of her own. **Sampson**, 1 years old, praying for a home full of toys. **Kobi**, 2 years old, looking for a family to go on adventures with. **Ziggy**, 3 years old, looking for a one person home to give all his love too. **Sonny Jim**, 6 years old, still waiting for a chance. **Scooby** 7 years old and **Tyson** 1yr old, were abandoned in a warehouse without any food and water. They were rescued just in time and given a safe haven at our Sanctuary. The boys are now looking for separate homes.

While our cats look forward to sunbathing, the staff dread this time of year, as the struggles of kitten season begin. Already we've dealt with distressing cases of neglect, involving the most vulnerable little creatures. Beautiful, gentle Iris was abandoned, heavily pregnant and worryingly underweight, and came to us just days before going into a difficult labour which ended in an emergency caesarean. Fortunately, she managed to survive the ordeal, and so did three of her kittens. Meanwhile, adult cat adoptions are at an all-time low, and at the point of writing this, **we've had just ONE adult cat adopted in the past three weeks**. This means the cattery is at a standstill, stuck at maximum capacity, and we cannot offer help to any of the cases on our waiting list who desperately need it. Our two longest-term cats, **Pickles** and **Sid**, have both been with us for over a year, and sadly there's no home in sight for either of them.

A VERY LUCKY FAMILY

A sad story with a happy ending. We welcomed Marge and her 5 pups, Jake, Manny, Logan, Tina and Demi, into the Sanctuary in April, a really sweet little family. We had homes waiting for them but sadly, 3 of pups had developed Parvovirus, they had been infected before coming to us. The pups were very poorly with this life threatening condition and required a specialist emergency vet at a cost of over **£12,000!** A huge sum to find but the alternative was having them put to sleep ....**That would never be an option.** Happily, after treatment and hospitalisation, they made a full a recovery and all are now settle in loving homes. Truly a happy ending (except for our **HUGE Vet bill!**)

We now have our own licenced ★★★★ Boarding Cattery

BOOK NOW

One piece of good news we can share, is the opening of our **fully licensed, luxury boarding cattery**. Boasting spacious modern pens with underfloor heating, it's the perfect place to take care of your cats, while you enjoy a summer holiday. We have been awarded 4, the highest we can get in our first year. Prices start from £14 per night for a single cat (though if your cat was adopted from us, you'll get a discount).

For more information, see our website, click on the **QR code** left or email clain.boarding.cattery@protonmail.com

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BOARDING WITH US *SAVES LIVES*

Let us look after your dogs over the holidays whilst you are away or at a family gathering. Our boarding staff at

MOSS COTTAGE RETREAT 07974 156 307

would love to hear from you. You can also find us on Facebook—
Just scan the QR CODE

FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2024

9th June—Summer Fun Dog Show
27th July—Summer Grand Sale at Lydiate Parish Hall—1-4pm
TBC—Quiz Night—Formby Luncheon Club
18th August Extra Fun Dog Show
6th Oct—Autumn Fun Dog Show
25th Nov– 24th Dec—Santa Paws Appeal
at Burscough Pets At Home
1st Dec—Christmas Fun Dog Show
See our Facebook page for future events & fundraisers.

BRIGHT EYES SPONSORSHIP CLUB

Sponsor one of our long term animals by joining our **Bright Eyes Sponsorship Club**. For £5 a month you can sponsor a dog, cat, donkey, sheep or pony. You will receive a certificate, folder, newsletter and updates. For more info, click on the **QR CODE**.

Introducing our latest arrival, Tiffany our new sponsor donkey. She will be a companion to Rollo.

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CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED
Summer 2024 Newsletter

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As spring fades and summer arrives, we all realise what a beautiful place we have at the Sanctuary. We are so lucky to be able to enjoy the glorious views and watch the animals benefit and thrive in such a healing environment. It's truly Beautiful and we want to share some glimpses with our supporters and friends.

Watching the dogs running free and happy through the meadow, the cats lying lazily in the sun, the rabbits and farm animals skipping and jumping and the wild life foraging in the woodland, all safe. This fills us with joy. When there is heartache and hardship, having this safe haven holds us together and gives us the strength to keep saving lives.

We know our work is relentless, nevertheless we carry on. With your help and support we can be there for dogs and pups like **Tootsie from the pound** & Cats and kittens like **stray Garfield** and all the other animals that need us.

We rely on donations to fund our Sanctuary and provide the animals with all they need, a warm bed, veterinary care, good food and quality of life and most of all the staff who give them the love and attention they deserve, 24hours a day.

Please support our **Summer Appeal** to fund the Sanctuary by donating £5 a month by Standing Order if you can, or whatever you can afford , if you are a tax payer you can **GIFT AID** your donation and the tax man contributes 25% extra, or join our **Bright Eyes Sponsorship Club** helping the animals that don't get to go to a homes.

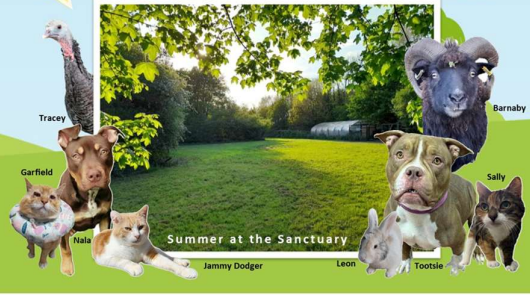
Special thanks to those of you that already contribute and those who have donated food for the animals and gifts, items for our shop and raffle prizes to raise funds.

It's your support that makes it possible for us to **Save Precious Lives**

All of us here at the Sanctuary
Send a huge Thank You
With best wishes from Trustees, staff and all the animals.

Summer has arrived, finally!

Fingers crossed we'll be adopted soon and have a wonderful home like this one day



HOW TO SUPPORT OUR SANCTUARY

It's not too late to get your cat booked in for any Festive time away or for your hols next year. For more information on our **4 Star Luxury Boarding Cattery**, just click on the above **QR Code** or go to our website www.carlalaneanimalsinneed.co.uk and click on **ABOUT US**.

This cheeky fella was spotted one evening by Manager, Cathy, whilst walking her dogs. The next moment, he was gone!

DON'T FORGET TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR GARDEN FRIENDS. Birds, Squirrels and Hedgehogs need access to fresh water and food daily. If you are having a bonfire, please check before lighting. **KEEP PETS SAFE** on **Bonfire Night**. Make sure leads & collars (with ID tags) are secure, walk your dogs earlier in the day, close the curtains and put the radio/TV on a bit louder. **PLEASE HELP & DO YOUR BIT FOR THE ANIMALS.**

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6th Oct—Autumn Fun Dog Show
25th Nov– 24th Dec—Santa Paws Appeal
at Burscough Pets At Home
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CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED
Autumn 2024 Newsletter

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Farewell to the Summer that never quite made it! Our Memory Meadow and woodland walks are a testament to all the wet weather, we haven't been able to abandon our wellies this year! We are so lucky to have the space for our dogs to run free and farm animals and sanctuary cats to roam. Our indoor dog arena is invaluable for when it's very wet, it's hard work walking, then drying off 46 dogs 2 to 3 times a day.

Fortunately, they all have very cozy spacious pens as do our cats and rabbits.

Our trees are laden with berries and acorns and horse chestnuts, much to the delight of all the birds and squirrels that have made their home at the Sanctuary.

It's a lovely time of the year but tinged with sadness due to all the homeless and abandoned dogs and cats that need our help.

We are experiencing the highest number of serious welfare cases of neglect and suffering than ever before. It's impacting on everything we do, especially our vet bills. **This August, we had to pay out over £15,000 to get help for neglected very sick puppies**, our neuter bill was over £12,000 and our general care bill around the same, £40,000 was needed to help the most vulnerable animals. It's a constant battle to find the funds to run the sanctuary, pay the wages and vet bills and keep the animal ambulances on the road.

We all work tirelessly, dedicated staff, trustees and our wonderful volunteers to fundraise to enable us to provide the care and a good future for the animals.

You can help by coming to our dog shows and sales, signing up to our **Bright Eyes Sponsorship**, just £5 a month can achieve miracles if lots of people join us.

We need nice things to sell in our shop and sales raffles and auctions, ornaments, bric a brac, unwanted gifts and toiletries, gift sets and edible goodies. We use all donations to raise funds they really do make a difference.

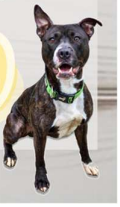
Of course, most importantly is the safe adoption of our dogs and cats and rabbits. We always need loving, responsible homes and never more so when the winter is approaching, and all the council pounds and shelters are overflowing.

We can only help these forsaken animals if ours at the Sanctuary are adopted. **Every adopted animal creates a space to save another valuable little life.**

Please help us do this, support our cause and save many lives, you can do this by signing up to monthly giving, by joining **Bright Eyes Sponsorship**, or by making a donation, every £1 counts.

Thank you to all our supporting who already donate and those of you who have provided us with pet food, treats toys and other items. **We appreciate all you do for the animals in our care.**

Don't forget to put some tasty meaty cat food (no fish flavour, thanks) and a bowl of fresh water out each night for us. X



News from the cattery—*Supporting our Feline Friends*

It's been a gloomy summer for the cattery, as adoptions became so scarce that it forced us to close the doors to new arrivals, for over a month. Things are slowly improving, and we were especially pleased to see adoptions for Sid, who'd been waiting over a year for someone to give him as chance, as well as 17-year-old Katrina, our most senior resident. The number of cats on our waiting list is even higher than usual, and we've helped several households where multiple females were breeding out of control. This has put huge strain on our resources, and we're constantly struggling for essentials like food and litter. **Through August we took in a total of 33 cats**, and of these, two were pregnant females, five were nursing mothers, **TWENTY-TWO were kittens** under ten weeks old, three were unneutered males, and just one was a spayed female (and she was a return, who had previously been adopted from us). One of the pregnant females was in a **'breeding pair'** with one of the males, and all of her kittens were born dead and deformed, a miserable experience for everyone involved. We cannot overstate the important of neutering pets, but with many people the message is simply being ignored.

Fortunately, **our boarding cattery** has been a great success, and a rush of holiday bookings has helped raise much-needed funds, to care for all those mums and kittens. We've also been pleased to see several familiar faces, originally adopted from us. If you do plan to book your rescue cat in for a stay with us, remember to mention they're one of ours, as that will get them a discounted rate! **See the back page for the special QR code.**

Down on our Farm

Rollo and his new donkey companion, Tiffany, are now settling into their new accommodation and field. Hil would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to **Denise** and **Johnny**, for offering their fantastic facilities and for making everyone very welcome.

Our rabbits have enjoyed their first summer in their new, posh housing. They've loved relaxing in their covered runs, playing & destroying the many empty Amazon boxes we receive with donations. **It's a Bunny Paradise!**

Our old stable block was knocked down ready for the next stage in our farm upgrade. We have field drainage work and fencing planned, which incorporates our existing old rabbit sheds to be used for housing our birds.

Our recent bunny bonding sessions have been very successful, resulting in Gwen & Lance becoming a couple and Leon and Blossom pairing with their new companions, who have now settled in their homes.

If you can't adopt, but would like to support our farm friends, we are always in need of carrots, leafy greens, apples, rabbit food, hay & straw.

GWEN & LANCE

CHARLES & CAMILLA

EDWARD & EVIE

GRACE & ELVIS

HENRY & HAZEL

FREDDIE

BERT & ERNIE

News from the Kennels—*Caring for our Canine Companions*

A few words from our Sanctuary/Maternity Ward Manager, Cathy. Pups, pups everywhere! This bunch is just what we have had in since June 24! It's tiring work caring for pups, early starts and late finishes, and whilst everyone wants pups there are just too many being born. We have even had some in from dog pounds!!! No pup should be in a pound. With so many pups coming into us, and a lot of them from poor conditions, it's inevitable that we are going to have some illnesses. Sadly little Albert didn't make it to his home, when his litter came in, they had parvo, and despite doing all we can with the vet, we had to let him go. Sadly, we know he won't be the last, but regardless of the heartbreak we face seeing so many pups, we also get the joy of seeing the other in homes and we thrive on the lovely updates we receive.

Please spread the word to family and friends to

STOP BREEDING DOGS.

WINNIE

WALTER

Daisy

WALDO

MIKEY

Unprecedented levels of Cruelty and Neglect

Every day we are having to deal with the most appalling cases, starving dogs, mums and pups "disposed" of on the streets like rubbish, loyal older pets dumped without any thought for their welfare, abandoned and forgotten, many needing urgent veterinary care and support.

We are dealing with thousands of dogs at this time and besieged by calls from people with flimsy excuses wanting to part with dogs of all ages because their life style has changed. People who got a dog then had a baby, moving house, downsizing, no time, work commitments, split with partner, the kids won't walk the dog, he is chewing, wants attention, grown too big, all these reasons and more, totally unacceptable! Selfish thoughtless owners who have done no training, not vaccinated and treat dogs as a disposable commodity.

We are having to deal with **this, 15 hours a day every day**.

WE AND OTHER CHARITIES ARE AT BREAKING POINT.

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR SANCTUARY THIS CHRISTMAS

The **Pets Foundation's Santa Paws Appeal** has started at our partnered **Pets At Home Store** in **Burscough (the team there are FAB!)**. You can donate when our fundraiser volunteers are outside with their buckets or at the till. **Every pound will help make a difference to the lives of many animals this Christmas.**

It's not too late to get your cat booked in for any Festive time away or for your hols next year. For more information on our **4 Star Luxury Boarding Cattery**, just click on the above **QR Code** or go to our website www.carlalaneanimalsinneed.co.uk and click on **ABOUT US.**

DON'T FORGET TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR GARDEN FRIENDS. Birds, Squirrels and other wildlife need access to fresh water and food daily. **PLEASE HELP & DO YOUR BIT FOR THE ANIMALS.**

Click on the **QR CODE** on the right to see ways to donate to us. Whether via PayPal, via the Bank, over the phone, by post, online or in person.

EVENTS 2024/25

25th Nov– 24th Dec—Santa Paws Appeal **at Burscough Pets At Home**
1st Dec—Christmas Fun Dog Show
6th April Spring Fun Dog Show
June - Summer Dog Show *Date TBC*
August—Fun Dog Show *Date TBC*
5th Oct—Autumn Fun Dog Show
7th Dec—Xmas Dog Show
See our Facebook page for future events & fundraisers.

BRIGHT EYES SPONSORSHIP CLUB

Sponsor one of our long term animals by joining our **Bright Eyes Sponsorship Club**. For £5 a month you can sponsor a dog, cat, donkey, sheep or pony. You will receive a certificate, folder, newsletter and updates. For more info, click on the **QR CODE**.

Merlin & Merrylegs

BOARDING WITH US *SAVES LIVES*

Let us look after your dogs over the holidays whilst you are away or at a family gathering. Our boarding staff at

MOSS COTTAGE RETREAT 07974 156 307

would love to hear from you. You can also find us on Facebook— Just scan the QR CODE

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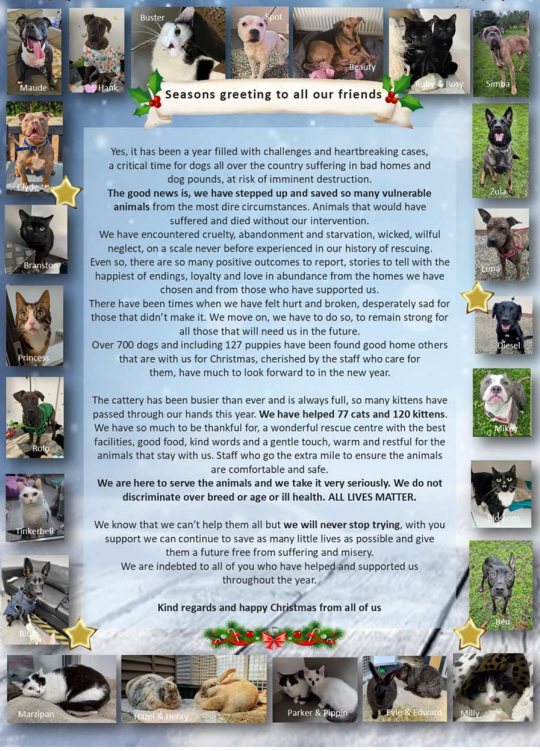
CLAIN wish our supporters a
Happy, Peaceful Christmas and New Year
From Trustees, Staff, 4 Legged and Feathered Friends.

Christmas 2024 Newsletter

Our Christmas Wish is a FOREVER HOME



Seasons greeting to all our friends

Yes, it has been a year filled with challenges and heartbreaking cases, a critical time for dogs all over the country suffering in bad homes and dog pounds, at risk of imminent destruction.

The good news is, we have stepped up and saved so many vulnerable animals from the most dire circumstances. Animals that would have suffered and died without our intervention.

We have encountered cruelty, abandonment and starvation, wicked, wilful neglect, on a scale never before experienced in our history of rescuing. Even so, there are so many positive outcomes to report, stories to tell with the happiest of endings, loyalty and love in abundance from the homes we have chosen and from those who have supported us.

There have been times when we have felt hurt and broken, desperately sad for those that didn't make it. We move on, we have to do so, to remain strong for all those that will need us in the future.

Over 700 dogs and including 127 puppies have been found good home others that are with us for Christmas, cherished by the staff who care for them, have much to look forward to in the new year.

The cattery has been busier than ever and is always full, so many kittens have passed through our hands this year. **We have helped 77 cats and 120 kittens.** We have so much to be thankful for, a wonderful rescue centre with the best facilities, good food, kind words and a gentle touch, warm and restful for the animals that stay with us. Staff who go the extra mile to ensure the animals are comfortable and safe.

We are here to serve the animals and we take it very seriously. We do not discriminate over breed or age or ill health. ALL LIVES MATTER.

We know that we can't help them all but **we will never stop trying**, with you support we can continue to save as many little lives as possible and give them a future free from suffering and misery.

We are indebted to all of you who have helped and supported us throughout the year.

Kind regards and happy Christmas from all of us

BRIGHT EYES SPONSORSHIP APPEAL

Join our **BRIGHT EYES SPONSORSHIP APPEAL** and help support their veterinary care, food, bedding and farrier costs. For just £5 a month/ £60 a year you can choose from an array of Sanctuary animals to help, from donkeys, dogs, cats, sheep and ponies. You will receive a folder, photos of your sponsor, updates and newsletters. For more info and to set up sponsorship, just scan the **QR CODE** below.

Bailey is an 11 year old Staffie mix. He is a friendly steady boy looking for his loving retirement home. He is very clean in the house and no trouble at all.

Patch a 3 year old large crossbreed, looking for a one on one home. He is very loyal and loving and is a good boy in a home environment. Patch would suit an adult loving home.

Mary is an 8 month old stunning saluki. She is great fun and would suit an active owner. She could live with a neutered dog

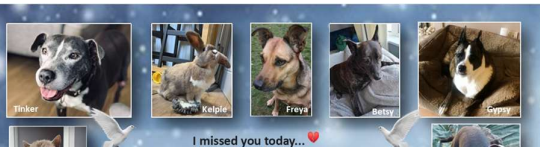
Joseph a handsome saluki only 8 months old. He loves everyone he meets and would just love a new home soon, he can live with a neutered dog.

Bella a loyal 5 year old GSD. She loves everyone she meets and loves to show off her tricks! She is a very clever girl. Bella would love an adult active home.

Pablo our chunky monkey, he is a 2-3 year old mastiff crossbreed. Loved by all the staff and volunteers. He is such a people pleaser and would love a home with no other pets.

Hank and Rolo are sweet loving mastiff crossbreed pups only 5 month old. They've not had a great start to life but now seeking forever loving homes. They can live with or without pets. Both have fun loving personalities.

Storm is such a laid back boy, He is looking for a strong, capable owner with big breed experience.



I missed you today...

I missed you today warmly greeting me at the door:
You were always happy to see me, which makes me miss you even more.
I won't soon forget you, or the memories we shared.

Or the countless ways you showed me how much you cared
We knew the time would come when we would have to part.

Those memories of you will always stay in my heart.
You were always gentle and loving to the end, you are forever with me my companion and friend.
I can now finally let you go, and know I will be okay.
But I just wanted you to know. I missed you today...

IN LOVING Memory

Remembering our dear friends Niki Waterhouse, Hazel Collier and Hilda Hornby and donations given in memory pets, including Kenny the Cat. Remembering all the XL Bullies and dogs who have lost their lives unjustly.

Christmas greetings and grateful thanks to everyone who has supported us and helped us during 2024. **Pets Foundation** and **Burscough Pets at Home** for choosing us for store partnership. Connie Cuff and all at **Pine Ridge Dog Sanctuary** for considerable months support for our neutering costs. Allison, vets and nurses at **Mersey Vets** for their amazing dedication and hard work caring for animals and supporting us. Thank you to all the kind supporters who have recognised our work by mentioning us in their wills. **Tracey Hillon** for outstanding effort arranging successful auctions online. **Chris Foss**, volunteer shop manager, for obtaining incredible sales results with her dedicated team. This income helps us pay the vet bills. Our regular volunteers Bob, Jimmy, Kay, Paul, Brad, Ella and all our volunteer dog walkers, Nicki and Becky and Laura who come every night to help with last walks. Our office volunteers Clare, Claire and Liz. Our cattery volunteers Pauline, Amanda, Shirley. Joe, who mends everything we break. A big thank you to Kerryann, Kath & Liz from the Domestic Team at Ormskirk Hospital and Fiona and Debbie Maddocks, Chris from Bramleys for supplying/cooking sausages for the dogs. Our new Shed Fairies, Vicky, Peter and Jeanette for sorting out our jumble store. Special thanks to **Steph, Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary**, for arranging cat neuters and working closely with us to place vulnerable dogs and pups. Jan, Mel and the team at **Bancroft Kennels** for outstanding dedicated efforts to save and help us place the many stray, vulnerable and starved dogs that have come to them throughout the year. Denise and Johnny for welcoming us onto their land and for providing a new safe place for our donkeys, Rollo and Tiffany. Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped us throughout the year on stalls, dog shows, Pets At Home collections, all those that have done private fundraisers to help the animals. Di and Rogue, for many years outstanding service to the Sanctuary. Our incredible team of staff who go above and beyond, work extra hours, dedicating their time caring for all the animals. To Barrister Pam Rose, Leah & team from The Dog Clinic, and Kellie for all their expert help. To all those wonderful foster carers who step up for the damaged and broken little animals that need round the clock care and home comfort. **Helen and Bob**, we are privileged to have these amazing friends. They step up to help us in many ways, with important admin work and open their home and their hearts for waifs and strays that they foster for us throughout the year. Jill, our wonderful 'Bully' foster mum. She has given her time and a space in her home to many very sad hurting little Bullies, often elderly. The care she provides has enabled them to find a good home. Thanks to Karen and Nixon the dog for welcoming foster dogs into their home for fun and playtime. To Janet for her kind donations. Corporate team that volunteered their time to help with projects on site. Scott Burtoft and all the West Lancs Dogs Display Team for giving their free time and hosting all our Fun Dog Shows. Hazel for creating beautiful hampers for our raffles. Thanks to all our Facebook followers for joining in our auctions, appeals, raffles, supported our Bright Eyes Sponsorship, everyone who has come through our doors and all of you who have donated and supported the animals. If there is anyone we have missed out, please forgive us, we are grateful for all we have received for the animals. **We couldn't have done it without you all. Thank you.**

News from the cattery—*Supporting our Feline Friends*

Scan the QR CODE above to see the **cats needing homes.**

Regular readers of our newsletter will know that it's been an especially difficult year for the cattery, but we're relieved to say that it looks like we can finish on a high note. Though we now have four cats who've been with us for more than a year, some of our other overlooked souls, like Leo, Pickles, and Jesse, have finally found the loving homes they deserve. **Since last December, we have taken in 77 adults and 120 kittens** – lower numbers than usual, because sadly lower adoptions rates have meant less space for new arrivals. We've also had to deal with several difficult and tragic births, assisting mother cats who had been cruelly neglected during their pregnancies. Elsewhere, our boarding cattery has been a great success, with happy customers booking second and third stays, and a significant amount of extra funds raised to help look after the rescue cats. We've been able to hire a new staff member, and have welcomed new volunteers into the cattery, and our essential fostering team. **Let's hope that 2025 will be a better year.**

Down on our Farm this Christmas

As a new year is about to start soon, we look back at the achievements of 2024. Our fabulous spacious rabbit units are in full use. All weather runs and insulated housing huts, big enough to fit giants in! No cramped hutched for our rabbits! The buns have enjoyed the many empty Amazon boxes we have then fill with hay and forage treats. They love it!! Many pairs of rabbits and singles, bonded with new companions, are now settled in their new homes. We continue to seek homes for the current residents. The plans for 2025 are to finish the refurbishments on the farm, sort out drainage and bird enclosures.

There might not be a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but our rabbits have the best accommodation ever.

Sally, Shaun & Barnaby are prepared for the lower temperatures with their winter coats. You can help towards their feed and hay costs by sponsoring them through our **BRIGHT EYES SPONSORSHIP APPEAL**.

Nuts
I want a home for life
Carrots, greens & apples
Bonio
Blankets & bedding
Dreamies
Squeaky toys
Dennis
At CLAIN'S Christmas gates, NO animal will be turned away. Joining us for Christmas—
55 Dogs
60 Cats
13 Rabbits
2 Ponies
3 Sheep
2 Donkeys
2 Turkeys
6 Ducks
1 Goose
12 Chickens
Their Christmas wishes are hanging on the tree.
Please donate whatever you can to support us, to heat the kennels, to keep all warm and cosy, the good food flowing and help pay the vet! It stands at £35K due to the number of animals we have helped.
Thank you
Noel, one of many, left to die of starvation, now safe in one of our foster homes. Christmas joy will come to him.
Hetty
Our wild birds and the squirrel in the Christmas tree will all be well fed during the cold winter months.
Our staff will be working long and hard on Christmas Day to welcome all at our Christmas gates.
Me and Tiffany want to send love and hugs to Hilary, May, Ken, Mary, Sheila, George, Johnny and Denise for seeing us through the hard times.
Rollo
I hope NUT ROAST is on your menu this Christmas.
Elvis
Rosy
Thomas
Ivy, homeless youngster, about to give birth.
Gwen

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity registration number 1031342

Company registration number 02314427 (England and Wales)

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Miss M I Brady	
	Mrs F A Ellis	
	Ms E Parr	(Appointed 1 October 2025)
	Ms H E Smyth	(Appointed 1 October 2025)
Senior management	Ms C Billington	
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	Ms L Kemp	
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Company number	02314427	
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CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Overview

Sadly, we have to report that this has been an extremely critical year. As with last years, this has been one of the most demanding years ever. This is in part due to the ever increasing numbers of unwanted dogs and other animals, the dogs are especially suffering, in particular the Bull Breeds. They are being abandoned in huge numbers, ending up in the council pounds and destroyed after 7 days. Inappropriate breeding of dogs by unlicensed people and lack of neutering is driving this difficult situation.

The charity is under increasing pressure to offer support to members of the public and authorities seeking help with issues arising from unwanted animals. Our campaign, Compassion Without Borders, means that we do not discriminate against whatever their origin or breed. In the past, we have been contacted by overseas groups wishing to save lives of dogs in their care in the hope that we can provide a better future for dogs living in misery. We continue to give a life-line to such groups, however we have had to significantly reduce the numbers we can help.

Our help is constantly sought to assist with Bull Breeds and larger breeds, especially those in dog pounds and welfare kennels. These dogs would lose their lives if rescues do not offer places. This has proven to be a great strain on our services, fortunately our well appointed facilities allow us to support more difficult cases. The new animal ambulance has also proven to be an asset.

Our new cattery boarding facility is ready to be licensed for 15 cats. This will enable us to fund the rescued cats.

At the sanctuary, we plan carefully, financially and practically, for all the animals that we know will need our help. We have to feed the animals, heat the sanctuary and pay the vet bills. It all comes at a cost. The animals come to us for many reasons, some genuine, mostly because of the unkindness or thoughtlessness of humankind. We see so much suffering, but we also experience the immeasurable joy of seeing an animal regain health and confidence and go on to a loving home. We are fortunate to have the amazing support from many kind people. It is this that inspires us to continue our work in the community. We pride ourselves in helping the animals and those people involved with them. Much of this has already been covered.

Objectives (Impact statement)

The Charity has fully met its objectives to the members of the public and the animals we serve. Our function is to Rescue, Rehabilitate and Rehome animals, also, to work in the community giving support. We are committed to the welfare and well-being of all animals especially those neglected, abused and abandoned. In doing so we are helping members of the public with pet related problems and issues. We provide a much-needed service by ensuring that new owners are given the correct guidance and advice needed when choosing a companion animal. We network with other organisations for the benefit of the animals, sharing knowledge and expertise.

Every animal we home is linked to a person who may gain companionship and emotional support and often relief from loneliness. On the other hand, by supporting those that need help to find a home for an animal in their care if can often alleviate considerable stress for the person knowing that their pet will be found an appropriate, safe home. Many of the people who contact us asking for help are experiencing challenging circumstances and lifestyle change, i.e. eviction, domestic violence, homelessness, financial difficulties and ill health.

Public benefit

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

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Achievements and performances during the year

In the last year, we rehomed 418 dogs (includes 140 from council pounds), 97 puppies, 230 cats and kittens. We saved the lives of over 800 animals by welcoming them into our sanctuary, foster homes and emergency boarding.

The new rabbit unit mentioned last year is now up and running. We have taken into consideration the rabbit welfare regulations to ensure that each rabbit has the space required to live an enriched life.

The demand for pet food by the public has increased. We run a pet food assistance service for pets in need. We reach out to hostels for homeless people and provide food and bedding for their pets and neutering and other veterinary assistance. We continue to transport food that was surplus to our requirements to other rescues, near and far. We networked with local food banks to provide pet food.

Renewal and improvements

For many years our meadows and woodland became very muddy. We were unable to make use of these facilities during the wet and wintery weather. To rectify the problems and improve the area, we have a concrete path around the meadow and woodland. This enables the staff to use it all year and for the dogs to enjoy the freedom to run. Linked to the flooding problem, we had issues with our farm field. Much was under water at certain times of the year. We sought the help of an agriculture drainage specialist, who was able to excavate to provide a ditch for the water to run into. It's proven to be very effective in helping to prevent flooding and as an additional benefit, proving habitat for newts and frogs.

Moss Cottage Retreat

In the last financial year, Moss Cottage Retreat had a complete refurbishment and this proved beneficial to the staff who use the facilities. Moss Cottage is a very successful boarding business. However, we are having to reduce the availability of boarding places to four. We are using 6 kennels for fully vaccinated rescue dogs awaiting homes. Moss Cottage does provide an income that helps fund the Sanctuary and this is recognised in the Accounts.

Staff

Staff costs have a huge impact on our funding. There is an obvious impact on the payroll, especially due to national insurance, pension and the new living wage. We employ around 20 members of staff, part and full time at the sanctuary. We have had to increase the numbers of staff to enable us to provide support caring for the larger dogs

Our charity shop and fundraising events are completely run by volunteers.

Training

General training, Health & Safety and specific dog handling is ongoing.

Our HR and Health and Safety is managed by Peninsular. They update us regularly with current regulations and notify us of any changes. They also provide an assessor to check the Health and Safety procedures, with a visit booked in for review.

We continue to train staff, with new and appropriate methods, to enable safe interaction with the animals they care for. General health and safety training is essential and is given priority.

We cover all aspects of training in recommendations that are provided for each individual dog and owner. We are finding it very difficult to recruit our own trainer, happy to work with the ethics that we stand by.

It is important to recognise the special needs of specific dogs. We seek the help of specialists and experts in rehabilitation when required. Training has become a very big issue, due to many dogs lacking in social interactions when they come to us. This is becoming very costly; however, corners cannot be cut. We have a duty of care to public safety. We are hoping to apply for grants for training costs. We were fortunate to receive a grant of £10,000 from Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust. New procedures have been put in place for staff handling dogs, particularly for apprentices and trainees.

Shop and Events

The shop remains a vital source of income. We are very luck to receive from our supporters large quantities of quality items, which are valued and priced and go to the shop for sale. Some of the items are put aside for our regular auctions. One of our volunteers is very successful in managing the online auctions and raising large sums. The same applies to our volunteer shop manager who takes the time to have the items carefully assessed and valued leading to an increase in sales and shop takings. It has become hugely successful. We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of volunteers. It raised even more than in the last financial year.

Animal Welfare

We take animal welfare very seriously and prioritise this at all times. We are a member of ADCH (Association of Dog and Cat Homes). Our facilities are of the highest standard and are well above the regulatory requirements for welfare standards. We are sent annual returns for completion which we submit every year.

Our facilities for cats and dogs are of the highest standard. We are always aiming to improve habitat and enrichment. We recognised the need to improve facilities for the rabbits and this has been completed. A future project is to improve the facilities for the birds and farm animals. This is becoming more urgent especially due to bird flu requirements. We comply with all the DEFRA requirements but recognise the need for further enrichment in these areas.

The vet bills have continued to increase enormously due having to deal with incoming animals that have received no veterinary care for most of their lives.

Many require expensive operations, neuters and vaccines as well as extra care due to neglect.

We purchased a new animal ambulance, which we professionally had kitted out for safe transport of animals and proper livery, which complies with tax regulations.

We still have 2 other vans for general use and fundraising. Keeping the 3 vans is necessary but comes at a cost.

Cats at the Sanctuary

230 cats and kittens were rehomed with many others still at the sanctuary and in foster care.
It's been a difficult year for the cattery with periods of unprecedented low adoptions while request for help has increased dramatically, with 100s of cats on the waiting list, the fostering team have been essential providing extra care, especially for kittens and for cats with special needs. We rely on the help of volunteers, in particular Tracey Hillon, who not only fosters, but helps find homes for the cats. We continue to provide help with feral cats when we can. As with the dogs, the veterinary costs for the cats has risen considerably

Cat Outwork

We continue to do as much as we can with limited resources and outside support. The loss of the Cats Protection has impacted the volume of what we’re able to do. We have been fortunate enough to have a small team of volunteer and fosterers to help with the work.

The cat outwork function is to care for the feral and stray animals which fall outside the remit of the main sanctuary which is rescue and rehoming of domestic pets.

The outwork consists of trapping, neuter and return of ferals often in commercial premises as well private households. There is also a response to pregnant cats and kittens including orphans needing to be bottle reared.

Farm Animals and Small Animal Unit

Our farm area at the Sanctuary continues to be home to many animals. We currently have 3 sheep, 1 goose, 2 turkeys, 3 cockerel, 16 hens, 6 ducks and 15 rabbits.

We have just under an acre containing 2 paddocks used for the sheep and a main field housing the birds. The rabbits (mostly pairs) are currently housed in our new rabbit unit in 8 individual cover runs. They have insulated shelters that have walk-in doors for easy access to clean and maintain. This has improved the welfare standards greatly.

Our birds are housed in sheds and huts within netted enclosures. They are then allowed access to the main field and sheep paddocks. With Avian Flu a threat during the year, we do confine the birds to their enclosures to protect them from wild birds fouling their water bowls and feed. We follow the Government website to check for the latest outbreaks. We limit access onto the farm.

We submit the Sheep & Goat Annual Inventory each year to DEFRA. The sheep are vaccinated and wormed yearly and sheared early spring.

We have now prevented the flooding in the paddock by having the ditch done. We still need to upgrade the facilities as previously stated.

Our mature Cross Shetland ponies are cared for by Trustee Margaret Brady and Judy and expertise and care from Shylowen Horse & Pony Sanctuary. Farm staff attend to help poop pick and muck-out the stable.

There has been a change with our donkeys, sadly we lost Paddy & Jacko. Rollo our remaining donkey needed a companion, and so we rescued a female donkey, Tiffany. She was in a sorry state, but is now thriving in her new home. We have also moved the donkeys to a more suitable location, closer to the Sanctuary, with better facilities. This enables a member of staff to assist Hilary with the donkeys. It has come at a cost, an increase in rent of £130 a month.

Hilary Hudson dedicates all her time to care for the trio every day, seeing to their needs, arranging feed, bedding, the farrier and any veterinary care required. She also arranged and paid for a new stable, mud mats and other essentials.

The sheep, ponies and donkeys are part of our Bright Eyes Sponsorship campaign to help raise funds for their care. Photos and updates are sent to sponsors.

Trustee update and Responsibilities

As trustees, we each take on a role to assist the smooth day to day running of the charity as well as the usual duties of trustees.

Margaret Brady oversees Health & Safety and banking with Kennel Manager, Cathy Billington. Frances Ellis is responsible for the flow of animals in and out of the Sanctuary as well as general administration and staffing.

Jane McGee gave notice in January 2025 of her intention to resign as a trustee at the end of the financial year. Her resignation was 31st March 2025.

Preparation was made to appoint two new trustees early in the new financial year. Helen Smythe, a long term volunteer, who assisted with fostering and financial aspects of the charity, Elaine Parr, have both been appointed. This brings the number of trustees to four.

The trustees recognise the importance of ensuring sustainability for the charity and are planning ahead and taking steps to secure the future of the organisation.

Planned Future Projects

We completed the projects we planned last year. The projects in hand are a new block of kennels to give additional accommodation for dogs that urgently need to come in from the dog pounds after serving 7 days. A purpose-built veterinary unit and operating theatre is being developed, together with recovery pens for dogs and cats after operations, including an isolation room fully equipped to manage for infectious diseases.

It's essential we have indoor facilities for dogs to exercise when the weather is bad. In view of this we have had plans drawn for 2 new indoor arenas.

Legacies, Grants and Loans

LEGACIES

Ronald Swanson £10,000

Mrs Carroll £18,000

Cecilia Pritchard £15,000

Florence Griffiths £24,189

Pauline Robson £17,454

Pat Herman

TRUSTS

Pine Ridge Dog Sanctuary – Connie Cuff £1,000 monthly (£12,000 received)

With grateful thanks for the many donations left to our Charity.

Donations

Donations came through Facebook and Enthuse, also from owners of animals we helped/rehomed, and appeals. Money donations are dropped off at the Sanctuary, shop, stalls and at all the venues we fundraise at. This is all accounted for in the Accounts. It's difficult to put a value on the donations of goods and food, but it would certainly be in excess of £100,000.

We received a donation from The Blue Boys – in their memory - £9,258.

Specialists

We feel that we ought to mention the assistance given by Colin Thomson, our bookkeeper, Thanks to Peter Buck, Paul Bell and the team of Champion accountants for help and advice throughout the year. Also, Allison, Nat and the team from Mersey Vets. They attend to all our animals and are on hand to support us at all times.

The team at Kennelbuild for their design and expertise in assisting with appropriate kennel/cattery construction meeting all welfare standards.

Leah and the team from The Dog Clinic and the court approved experts for giving their time and for their support with legal issues.

Special grateful thanks to Barrister Pam Rose, who gave her time voluntary with legal advice and support, and Kellie O'Shea for helping deal with XL issues and for using her legal background and experience to support us.

Fundraising practices
Fundraising

Facebook and Social Media

Facebook, Instagram and Tiktok are our main platforms to reach out to our supporters, raise funds, promote our animals, raise awareness of the work we dog at the sanctuary and in the community. We have 144,000 followers.

Once again, thanks to retired Trustee, Tracey Hillon, who set up the original Facebook page. She continued to give tremendous support for Facebook fundraising with auctions, book sales and general sales. She raised £1,000s. She did this alongside of fostering cats and kittens, and promoting them on Facebook to seek homes.

Community Work

We are very grateful to have been chosen for another year as community partners by our local Pets At Home in Burscough. We receive in excess of £5,000 in VIP Lifeline vouchers to spend in the store. We are able to buy specialist foods, medication and supplies with this. We get extra funds at Easter & Christmas with our participation with our volunteers collecting at the store.

We are active in the community assisting with pets and problems, giving advice on dog training and general animal care. We are highly regarded in the community.

We continued to assist with neutering Bull Breeds and we funded the neutering of parent animals whenever we collected puppies. This also includes the ongoing neutering deadlies for XL Bullies to comply with the DEFRA regulations for exemption.

Volunteers

We value our volunteers, however we recognise the need for a volunteer co-ordinator, as it's becoming increasingly difficult for the staff/trustees to manage this along with their other duties.

Volunteers provide essential support that improves the lives of our animals and supports our staff. Volunteers help in a variety of areas, not just for animal care at the sanctuary but also helping staff at the boarding kennels, assisting at our dog shows and in our charity shop.

As well as individual volunteers we have also had valuable assistance from corporate groups, they help us with work on the site such as painting and gardening. We had lots of daffodils planted in the Autumn which was amazing when they all flowered in the spring. Staff also give their time, when they are off or during the evening, Facebook admin, fundraising and working with the animals. The volunteers are a valuable asset. Our volunteer shop manager, Chris Foss and her team have considerably increased the takings in the shop without us having to provide any salaries. Tracey Hillon, as well as fostering cats and kittens and giving assistance with other animals, runs the online auctions which provides a valuable income to the sanctuary.

We have over 60 regular volunteers who help with fundraising, at the shop, stalls, shows and at the sanctuary.

The local community support us greatly, so it is always good to have them working with us.

Fundraising

Our main fundraising is our charity shop, our dog shows and social media. We have become very successful at our fundraising. However, we are always looking for ways to fundraise for the sanctuary to help with increasing costs.

Dog Shows – These are well supported. We have five Fun Dog Shows each raising between £5-£6,000. Our Grand Sales at Lydiate raise from around £1,000 each event.

Acknowledgements

Special thanks to all the wonderful people who have adopted and given hope to a homeless dog or cat. Your leap of faith gave us the space to save others.

- To all the team at **Kennelbuild** for creating fabulous kennel and cattery facilities at the Sanctuary.
- Nat, Allison and all the team at **Mersey Vets.** All the team at **Northway Vets**, Bernie & Eric,
- **Shylowen Horse & Pony Sanctuary**. Steph and team from **Recue Me Animal Sanctuary.**
- To the fabulous team at **Pets At Home in Burscough** for nominating us to support for the year,
- raising funds and awareness for our charity. **Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust** and all the trusts that have considered us for grants.
- All those who have considered us for a legacy and made provisions in their wills.
- All the family & friends for raising funds in memory of loved ones who have passed away.
- To the pound pullers, who go the extra mile to save the dogs facing imminent destruction.
- To all those who have donated via PayPal, Enthuse, Facebook, GoCardLess.
- To all who have sent us cheques, those that take part in the Amazon Wish List appeals.
- To our Bright Eyes Sponsors.
- To all who have brought in food, bedding, pet accessories and items for sale and our auctions.
- To Hazel & Brian, for their wonderful raffle prizes and gifts, saving us a lot of money and a huge job.
- Special thanks to **Peter Strange at Amazon**. The donations have really helped us and saved us money.
- To all the fabulous foster carers and volunteers, what would we do without you! To Chris Foss and her the amazing team at our Formby shop.
- May and Ken Humphreys for supporting our donkeys, with loving care and financially. Mary & George for their weekly dedication for helping Hilary take care of the donkeys. Denise and Johnny for permitting us to use their wonderful paddock and for ongoing support.
- To our shed team, Peter, Jeanette, Vicky, Clare, Tracy for sorting donated goods ready for sale.
- To our fundraising team Di & Rogue, Margaret, Sandra and Sue, who stand collecting in all weathers at our partnered Pets At Home store in Burscough and everyone who gives up their free time to help at our shows and sales. To Jeanette and all the cake bakers, craft makers, stall holders who add a special touch to our shows. To Joan at Lydiate Parish Hall, for supporting all our events.
- To everyone who has completed marathons, fun runs, parachute jumps, cake bakes, sponsored events and raised funds in their work places. Thanks to all the corporate teams for their voluntary days helping at the Sanctuary.
- Our sanctuary volunteers who help us weekly walking dogs, helping the cats and around the site.
- Joe Ferber who mends all the stuff we break.
- Tracey Hillon for all the auctions
- The mazing fundraising on our behalf.
- Kellie for all her legal advice, support and dedication to the animals. Leah and the team from The Dog Clinic. Barrister Pam Rose for her dedication to XIs and Pit Bull cases.
- To our bookkeeper, Colin and accountant Peter and team for their professional services and advice.
- To our Facebook team, Chris, Lauren, Sophie, Clare for giving their free time to process 1000s of adoption forms and arrange viewings, and Ange for creating the fabulous 'Finally Home Friday' videos.
- Last but not least, our amazing team who work tirelessly every day at the sanctuary to serve the needs of the animals that rely on them. We would like to thank them for the hours they give voluntary.

We hope that we haven't forgotten anyone, but if we have, please forgive us, it's been the most difficult year, and we thank you anyway.

Fundraising performance

Breed Specific Legislation

At the time of the last Trustee report we summarised the dreadful position for dogs of prohibited type, and their owners, following the rushed and confusing XL Bully ban. 2024 saw two of three neutering deadlines, which created yet further problems due to a lack of adequate planning by the government. The charity was contacted by owners and vets, as well as other rescues, seeking clarification of the position for exempted dogs who were medically unsuitable for neuter in time for the prescribed deadlines – for example dogs who had life-limiting conditions rendering them as high surgical risk, or females who had come into season unexpectedly early and so were not appropriate candidates for surgery due to well-documented increased risk. Vets and other professionals were advising owners to contact DEFRA to seek their advice, but no exceptions or extensions were provided.

Additionally, some dogs who had been exempted on a precautionary basis as advised by DEFRA at the time of the ban, but were not in fact of prohibited type – including young dogs who had not grown to reach the minimum necessary height to render them XL Bully type – were still required to be neutered by the deadlines. For dogs who could not neutered due to veterinary refusal, there was still no process for removal from the register. A process had been promised “soon” since the announcement of the XL bully criteria in October 2023.

This meant that owners would be required to comply with a deadline they could not possibly comply with if a qualified veterinary surgeon refused to perform the surgery, or breach the regulations of exemption and face potential seizure of the dog they had exempted, for reasons entirely out of their control.

Vets nationwide were faced with a deluge of as many as 45,000 of the 57,000 exempted XL bully types requiring neutering between June and December 2024. Many could not accommodate the sudden increase in surgical demand or the post-operative care of so many large dogs in short timescale, and further there was a documented upsurge in the number of surgical complications due to excess bleeding – to the extent that a new pre-operative protocol was implemented by some vets, who prescribed a coagulant agent as standard for XL Bully operations. The problem was sufficiently significant for a veterinary research team at the University of Surrey to launch a scientific study to investigate why this new phenomenon of reported excess bleeding was taking place.

Having already opened channels of communication with the government legal department, and following a huge number of direct appeals to us for assistance, we appealed direct to DEFRA for their help and asked that they implement a form of extension or exception in cases where a vet could examine a dog and provide an opinion as to their suitability for surgery. We also asked them to release details of their scheme for removal of dogs from the register where they could be confirmed not to be of prohibited type, so that owners were no longer required to comply with strict legal rules which could lead to criminal prosecution if breached. They refused to provide assistance. We appealed to the outgoing government again immediately prior to the dissolution of Parliament but to no avail.

After much discussion, bearing in mind the volume of community requests for help and additionally given that two of our own dogs who are exempted to the rescue find themselves incapable of being rehomed due to rules which may not in fact apply to them, the Trustees once again sought legal advice and secured the assistance of Counsel on a pro bono basis. We launched proceedings to seek legal clarity for owners and rescues and at the time of writing, two years after the government promised owners and rescues that they would release details of how to remove non-type exempted dogs from the register “soon”, we await a final outcome of those proceedings.

Please read the newsletter (at back of Charity Accounts) for an insight into the work we do and the many lives saved.

Financial review

The charity received income of £1,195,573 (2024: £1,054,868) during the year. The expenditure in the year totalled £1,072,985 (2024: 805,995) which resulted in a surplus for the year of £122,588 (2024: £248,873) contributing to help build reserves.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which enables the charity to continue with its ongoing activities. 70% - 80% of the Charity's income is voluntary income. The trustees consider that holding sufficient reserves will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Due to a reliance on income from legacies, which is hard to predict, the Trustees have set a level for general funds of £850,000 which equates to approximately 12 months of projected costs.

There are currently £937,433 of unrestricted reserves, excluding designated reserves, which equates to 10.7 months running costs.

Investment policy

The charity has a small balance of investments, being cash held on deposit which helps provide a better return than the interest rate available at present.

Major risks

The trustees have assessed the to which the charity is exposed and keep these under regular review.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee , as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Miss M I Brady	
Mrs F A Ellis	
Ms J L McGee	(Resigned 31 March 2025)
Ms E Parr	(Appointed 1 October 2025)
Ms H E Smyth	(Appointed 1 October 2025)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Board is responsible for the recruitment and appointment of new Trustees. Any potential trustees are interviewed by relevant members of the Board and, if suitable, appointed as a Trustee.

Induction and training of trustees

New trustees are given a thorough induction by existing Board Members to explain the role and responsibilities of a Trustee and the work undertaken by the charity.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Champion Accountants LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mrs F A Ellis

Trustee

Date: 23/12/2025 .....

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors of Carla Lane Animals In Need for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements, 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Carla Lane Animals In Need (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the company and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant; the Companies Act 2006, Employment legislation and Health and Safety legislation.

We obtained and understanding of how the Company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to management.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the audit team included:

- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- Identifying and testing journal entries; in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations;
- Reviewing material variation from our expectation in the income, expenses and balances; and
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

P. Buck

Peter Buck FCA, DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Champion Accountants LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 23/12/2025.....

Champion Accountants LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	**2**	922,359	-	922,359	741,596	-	741,596
Charitable activities	**4**	171,600	-	171,600	201,071	-	201,071
Other trading activities	**3**	85,206	-	85,206	87,821	-	87,821
Investments	**5**	1,499	-	1,499	9,390	-	9,390
Other income	**6**	14,909	-	14,909	14,990	-	14,990
Total income		1,195,573	-	1,195,573	1,054,868	-	1,054,868
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**7**	25,599	-	25,599	26,777	-	26,777
Charitable activities	**8**	1,047,386	-	1,047,386	779,218	-	779,218
Total expenditure		1,072,985	-	1,072,985	805,995	-	805,995
Net income		122,588	-	122,588	248,873	-	248,873
Transfers between funds		5,676	(5,676)	-	293,106	(293,106)	-
Net movement in funds	**9**	128,264	(5,676)	122,588	541,979	(293,106)	248,873
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		809,169	2,712,385	3,521,554	267,190	3,005,491	3,272,681
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		937,433	2,706,709	3,644,142	809,169	2,712,385	3,521,554

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**14**		2,536,709		2,571,385
Current assets					
Debtors	**15**	116,371		246,832	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,034,399		743,398	
		1,150,770		990,230	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(43,337)		(40,061)	
Net current assets			1,107,433		950,169
Total assets less current liabilities			3,644,142		3,521,554
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds - general	**19**		937,433		809,169
Unrestricted funds - designated	**18**		2,706,709		2,712,385
			3,644,142		3,521,554

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 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 23/12/2025

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Mrs F A Ellis
Trustee

Company registration number 02314427 (England and Wales)

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**22**		318,445		175,856
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(28,943)		(304,269)	
Investment income received		1,499		9,390	
Net cash used in investing activities			(27,444)		(294,879)
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			291,001		(119,023)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			743,398		862,421
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,034,399		743,398

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Carla Lane Animals In Need is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Fir Tree Animal Sanctuary, 3 Spurriers Lane, Prescott Road, Liverpool, Merseyside, L31 1BA.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that are set aside for specific future expenditure. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Direct charitable costs are allocated to the Charity's main activity heading.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

A review for impairment of the leasehold land is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that he carrying amount of the fixed asset may not be recoverable, whether through the economic benefits or through disposal.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Leasehold land and buildings	No depreciation provided
Plant and equipment	25% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Donations and gifts	852,799	554,019
Legacies receivable	21,290	140,050
Grants	3,270	2,527
Donated goods and services	45,000	45,000
	922,359	741,596

Grants receivable for core activities		
Other	3,270	2,527
	3,270	2,527

Donated goods and services

The value of Donated Goods are estimated based on the donation, and usage, of 900 cans of animal food per week. Donated goods are received from various funders throughout the year.

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	**Unrestricted funds 2024 £**
Shop income	85,206	87,821

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	**Unrestricted funds 2024 £**
Welfare services for animals		
Adoption and re-homing income	171,600	201,071

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Rental income	1,499	9,390

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Commision received	14,909	14,990

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Other fundraising costs	4,290	4,336
Trading costs		
Operating charity shops	21,309	22,441
Total costs	25,599	26,777

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Welfare services for animals 2025 £	Welfare services for animals 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	429,067	359,141
Depreciation and impairment	63,619	63,375
Insurance	7,927	7,476
Light and heat	33,764	26,865
Telephone	2,256	1,389
Sundries	2,678	9,485
Animal care and foodstuffs	83,270	34,325
Motor expenses	11,416	11,652
Veterinary fees	251,995	130,770
Repairs and renewals	57,418	24,799
Notional costs of donated goods	45,000	45,000
Staff training	5,582	7,864
Bank charges	3,311	6,364
Donations	775	1,549
	998,078	730,054
Share of support and governance costs (see note 10)		
Governance	49,308	49,164
	1,047,386	779,218
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	1,047,386	779,218

9 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	18,790	13,200
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	63,619	63,375

10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	2024	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Audit fees	-	18,790	18,790	13,200	Governance
Legal and professional	-	7,556	7,556	12,305	Governance
Bookkeeping	-	2,962	2,962	3,659	Governance
Trustees expenses	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	Governance
	-	49,308	49,308	49,164	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	-	49,308	49,308	49,164	

11 Trustees

Trustees expenses amounted to £20,000 (2024; £20,000)

All expenses were donated back to the charity in full.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	23	19

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	398,664	336,512
Social security costs	23,765	19,026
Other pension costs	6,638	3,603
	429,067	359,141

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Employees **(Continued)**

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel (who are detailed on the Legal and Administrative page) was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	126,999	127,878

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	2,810,867	61,946	34,007	2,906,820
Additions	28,943	-	-	28,943
At 31 March 2025	2,839,810	61,946	34,007	2,935,763
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2024	303,881	15,173	16,381	335,435
Depreciation charged in the year	47,519	11,693	4,407	63,619
At 31 March 2025	351,400	26,866	20,788	399,054
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2025	2,488,410	35,080	13,219	2,536,709
At 31 March 2024	2,346,986	46,773	17,626	2,571,385

15 Debtors

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	99,674	35,670
Prepayments and accrued income	16,697	211,162
	116,371	246,832

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	6,974	5,689
Trade creditors	18,726	18,635
Other creditors	5,962	4,641
Accruals and deferred income	11,675	11,096
	43,337	40,061

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes	2025 £	2024 £
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	6,638	3,603

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

18 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2024	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£
Designated - fixed assets	2,571,385	(34,676)	2,536,709
Rabbit Unit/Cattery development	20,000	(20,000)	-
Electricity supply upgrade	85,000	(85,000)	-
Kennel build	10,000	160,000	170,000
Site renovation work	26,000	(26,000)	-
	2,712,385	(5,676)	2,706,709

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Designated - fixed assets	2,330,491	240,894	2,571,385
Rabbit Unit/Cattery development	360,000	(340,000)	20,000
Electricity supply upgrade	70,000	15,000	85,000
Kennel build	245,000	(235,000)	10,000
Site renovation work	-	26,000	26,000
	3,005,491	(293,106)	2,712,385

18 Unrestricted funds - designated **(Continued)**

The funds have been designated by the trustees during the year and represent the following purposes:

£2,536,709 represents the value of the fixed assets of the Charity. The funds tied up in these are not easily liquidated and cannot be relied upon for the day to day running of the organisation.

The balance remaining to be spent on the funds previously designated for a new Cattery building and Rabbit unit which are in need of improvement has been spent in the year and transferred back to General Funds.

The amount designated last year for essential work on the electricity supply to the Animal Centre has been spent in the year and transferred back to General Funds.

£170,000 is the balance remaining on the funds previously designated for the building of a new kennel area. This has been increased by a further £160,000 in the year.

The amount previously designated for Site renovation works which are essential for the ongoing care of the animals has been spent in the year and transferred back to General Funds.

19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	809,169	1,195,573	(1,072,985)	34,676	966,433

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	560,296	1,054,868	(805,995)	-	809,169

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2025	Unrestricted funds designated 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	-	2,536,709	2,536,709
Current assets/(liabilities)	937,433	170,000	1,107,433
	937,433	2,706,709	3,644,142

20 Analysis of net assets between funds **(Continued)**

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	-	2,571,385	2,571,385
Current assets/(liabilities)	809,169	141,000	950,169
	809,169	2,712,385	3,521,554

22 Cash generated from operations	2025 £	2024 £
Surplus for the year	122,588	248,873
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,499)	(9,390)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	63,619	63,375
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	130,461	(148,507)
Increase in creditors	3,276	21,505
Cash generated from operations	318,445	175,856

23 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

The Audit Report is within the Financial statements document.

Carla Lane Animals In Need

England & Wales - Charity number 1031342

Accounts

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Charity registration number 1031342

Company registration number 02314427 (England and Wales)

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Miss M I Brady Mrs F A Ellis Ms J L McGee
Charity number	1031342
Company number	02314427
Registered office	Fir Tree Animal Sanctuary 3 Spurriers Lane Prescott Road Liverpool Merseyside L31 1BA
Auditor	Champion Accountants LLP 7-9 Station Road Hesketh Bank Preston Lancashire PR4 6SN

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CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Charity's function is to Rescue, Rehabilitate and Rehome animals, also, to work in the community giving support. We are committed to the welfare and well-being of all animals especially those neglected, abused and abandoned. In doing so we are helping members of the public with pet related problems and issues. We provide a much-needed service by ensuring that new owners are given the correct guidance and advice needed when choosing a companion animal. We network with other organisations for the benefit of the animals, sharing knowledge and expertise.

This has been one of the most demanding years ever. This is in part due to the ever increasing numbers of unwanted dogs and other animals, the dogs are especially suffering, in particular the Bull Breeds. They are being abandoned in huge numbers, ending up in the council pounds and destroyed after 7 days.

The Governments ban on XL breed of dogs has had a major impact on all Bull Breeds and those that worked with them. It caused misery and distress for owners, veterinary staff, rescue staff and trustees. It was such a major issue that we have attached a separate report.

The charity remains one of the first ports of call, for the members of the public and authorities seeking help with pet related problems. We are the Go -To organisation in our area for people requiring help with Bull Breed dogs and assisted neutering. This year has been the busiest in our history. We have been overwhelmed by the numbers of dogs and cats requiring help.

We have continued to increase our services significantly, improving our ability to rescue and rehome dogs and cats. We have done so by updated facilities that meet all welfare requirements.

The addition of our new boarding cattery now completes the upgrade to the highest standard of the entire dog and cat areas. We also refurbished the overnight stay and the 2 adjoining kennels for longer term older dogs, as well as a well-equipped maternity unit for mums and pups. A new animal ambulance was a significant purchase.

We are still receiving large number of requests to assist with dogs from European countries and further afield. However, we have had to reduce the numbers that we help. This is due to the increasing dog crisis that we are experiencing due to the overbreeding of dogs generally, but in particular, the larger Bull Breeds. The British pounds are overflowing and many healthy dogs are being destroyed.

We are known as a safe place for many rejected, abandoned animals and traumatised dogs from the pound, that are often facing their 'last walk'. They come to us into quiet spacious kennels to recover from the terrible experiences they have suffered.

At the sanctuary, we plan for all the animals that we know will need our help. We have to feed the animals, heat the sanctuary and pay the vet bills. It all comes at a cost. The animals come to us for many reasons, some genuine, mostly because of the unkindness or thoughtlessness of humankind. We see so much suffering, but we also experience the immeasurable joy of seeing an animal regain health and confidence and go on to a loving home. We are fortunate to have the amazing support from many kind people. It is this that inspires us to continue our work in the community. We pride ourselves in helping the animals and those people involved with them.

Public benefit

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

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Objectives

The Charity has fully met its objectives to the members of the public and the animals we serve. Our function is to Rescue, Rehabilitate and Rehome animals, also, to work in the community giving support. We are committed to the welfare and well-being of all animals especially those neglected, abused and abandoned. In doing so we are helping members of the public with pet related problems and issues. We provide a much-needed service by ensuring that new owners are given the correct guidance and advice needed when choosing a companion animal. We network with other organisations for the benefit of the animals, sharing knowledge and expertise.

Achievements and performances during the year

We are happy to report that we rescued 617 dogs. We rehomed 572 dogs, 188 cats and 20 other animals. The rabbit unit had been demolished, and we had to arrange for the rabbits to be placed with foster carers. Plans were drawn up for a new small animal unit to accommodate 24 rabbits at any one time. It's important to ensure that the unit is very secure to prevent rats and mice, which can carry disease, from getting in.

We have looked up all the rabbit welfare regulations to ensure that each rabbit has the space required to live an enriched life.

We still run our own pet foodbank service for pets in need. We reach out to hostels for homeless people and provide food and bedding for their pets. We transported food that was surplus to our requirements to other rescues, near and far. We networked with local food banks to provide pet food.

As always, we aim to help the most vulnerable animals. We are seeing more and more of them since Covid. Much of this is due to the increase in veterinary care also the lack of compassion and responsibility from the members of the public towards their pets.

We are seeing a huge rise in the numbers of pregnant animals and unwanted puppies and kittens needing rescue help. This is at a great cost to us and has a huge impact on our vet bills.

This is due to irresponsible, unregulated breeding of dogs, as a cash crop and lack of neutering of cats in general.
Animal Ambulance - we purchased a new animal ambulance, with professionally installed kennels in the rear and livery, at a total cost of around £33,578 inc VAT

Shelters- we needed shelters for our dog compounds for inclement weather, these have been provided at a cost of £2,350.

Moss Cottage Retreat

From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 Moss Boarding kennels income was £64,328 gross. There is little profit after staff wages and other costs are taken into account.

In addition to this it provided back up kennels to the sanctuary when there was availability.

During the year we planned the much needed improvements to the office including a new toilet area and staff kitchen. These were completed in April 2024.

Staff

We are very fortunate to have some loyal staff, committed to the work we do. However, it is difficult to recruit staff that understand that the work is a vocation.

We recognise the need to recruit more staff and realise the impact on pay roll especially due to new living wage. We employ 19 members of staff: full time and part time. Our charity shop and fundraising events are completely run by volunteers.

Training
General training, H & S and specific dog handling is ongoing.

Our HR and Health and Safety is managed by Peninsular. They update us regularly with current regulations and notify us of any changes. They also provide an assessor to check the Health and Safety procedures.

We continue to train staff, with new and appropriate methods, to enable safe interaction with the animals they care for. General health and safety training is essential and is given priority.

We have been very fortunate to obtain the help, on a volunteer basis of an experienced trainer. He undertakes the training of the staff with dog handling and safety. He prepares the assessment for staff and dogs and training guidelines. He also provides assistance to the owners who have adopted dogs from us. We consider training to be a vital part of dog ownership. We cover all aspects of training in recommendations that are provided for each individual dog and owner.

It is important to recognise the special needs of specific dogs. Our own onsite training cannot always address the problems that some of the dogs exhibit. We seek the help of specialists and experts in rehabilitation and sometimes dogs enter residential care. Training has become a very big issue, due to many dogs lacking in social interactions when they come to us. This is becoming very costly; however, corners cannot be cut. We have a duty of care to public safety. We are hoping to apply for grants for training costs. New procedures have been put in place for staff handling dogs, particularly for apprentices and trainees.

Shop and Events

The shop is the main source of income. It has become hugely successful due to the volunteer manager and her dedicated team of volunteers. It raised even more than in the last financial year.

Animal Welfare

We are a member of ADCH (Association of Dog and Cat Homes). Our facilities are of the highest the standard and are well above the regulatory requirements for welfare standards.

Our facilities for cats and dogs are of the highest standard. We recognise the need to improve facilities for the rabbits and farm animals and a revamp of our special care unit is planned for the next financial year.

The vet bills have continued to increase enormously due having to deal with incoming animals that have received no veterinary care for most of their lives.

Many require expensive operations, neuters and vaccines as well as extra care due to neglect.

We purchased a new animal ambulance, which we professionally had kitted out for safe transport of animals and proper livery, which complies with tax regulations.

We still have 2 other vans for general use and fundraising. Keeping the 3 vans is necessary but comes at a cost.

Cats at the Sanctuary

Tally of cats adopted between 1/4/23 and 31/3/24. Note that this isn't all the cats who came to the rescue during those dates, it's the cats who left the rescue for a new home during those dates. This includes some who came to us as far back as 2022 but had to wait several months to be chosen. So, it's an ADOPTION tally, not an INTAKE Tally.

It adds up to 188 during that specific time period, which is lower than I would have thought, but that's what the numbers say. The winter figures are noticeably lower than the summer figures, which reflects the higher number of kittens that come in over the summer.

This year, work was completed on our new boarding cattery, and we are just awaiting a council inspection to secure the licensing. This has been converted from a storage space on the rescue premises, making better use of our existing space, and will be staffed by the same people who care for the rescue cats. One of our experienced long-term volunteers will also be brought on as a staff member, to cover the extra work. With the good reputation we already have for animal care, we anticipate great results from this, and can encourage people who have already adopted cats from us to bring their pets back for boarding. This should help raise extra funding to balance out the new staff member's wages and contribute to the upkeep of the rescued cats.

The completion of our new cattery continues to make a big difference.

Our new cattery pens are in a better-organised layout than in the old building, allowing us to monitor the condition of the cats and their environment, and giving easier access for cleaning. Underfloor heating now ensures the pens remain warm and dry through the winter, and many cats can be seen sprawling happily on the heated areas during the evening. Greater separation between the individual pens gives them privacy, reducing conflict and stress, and we have more space to give each cat hiding places and enrichment items, overall setting a higher standard of welfare.

We have received many positive comments from visitors, impressed by the accommodation our animals now have.

Cat Outwork

We continue to do as much as we can with limited resources and outside support. The loss of the Cats Protection has impacted the volume of we were able to do. We have been fortunate enough to have a small team of volunteer and fosterers to help with the work.

The cat outwork function is to care for the feral and stray animals which fall outside the remit of the main sanctuary which is rescue and rehoming of domestic pets.

The outwork consists of trapping, neuter and return of ferals often in commercial premises as well private households. There is also a response to pregnant cats and kittens including orphans needing to be bottle reared.

Farm Animals and Small Animal Unit

Our farm area at the Sanctuay continues to be home to many animals. We currently have 3 sheep, 2 geese, 2 turkeys, one cockerel, 15 hens, 6 ducks and 10 rabbits.

We have just under an acre containing 2 paddocks used for the sheep and a main field housing the birds. The rabbits (mostly pairs) are currently housed in 5 individual sheds with outside access (open to the elements) and a small garden area. We hope to upgrade the rabbit unit to provide large, covered outside space with more insulated housing to improve the welfare standards.

Our birds are housed in sheds and huts within netted enclosures. They are then allowed access to the main field and sheep paddocks. With Avian Flu a threat during the year, we do confine the birds to their enclosures to protect them from wild birds fowling their water bowls and feed. We follow the Government website to check for the latest outbreaks. We limit access onto the farm.

We submit the Sheep & Goat Annual Inventory each year to DEFRA. The sheep are vaccinated and wormed yearly and sheared early Spring.

Parts of the paddocks become saturated and flooded during the winter months, and we plan to have this fixed to prevent the fields from being unused. This work will be in conjunction with the farm upgrade to provide enclosed and isolated facilities to use for new animals or when following Avian Flu procedures.

Our 2 mature Cross Shetland ponies are cared for by Trustee, Margaret Brady and Judy Groves at their home with help from local charity, Shylowen Horse & Pony Sanctuary. Farm staff attend to help poop pick and muck out the stable.

Our 3 donkeys, Rollo, Paddy and Jacko, live at a local field we rent. Hilary Hudson dedicates all her time to care for the trio every day, seeing to their needs, arranging feed, bedding, the farrier and any veterinary care required.

The sheep, ponies and donkeys are part of our Bright Eyes Sponsorship campaign to help raise funds for their care. Photos and updates are sent to sponsors.

Planned Future Projects

We hope to have the new rabbit unit up and running in the new financial year as well as drainage to the farm field and new farm enclosures and fences, a pathway around the Freedom Field which becomes unusable in the winter months.

Legacies, Grants and Loans

LEGACIES

John Darksen - £1,712

Joyce Clare - £15,000

Alexander Joseph W - £2,000

Jennifer Maclean - £9,258

Hilary Mary Balfour - £11,881

Ray Peddar - £27,976

Ronald Swanson - £10,000

John Oliver Tate - £1,000

K Reynolds - £2,026

Paul O'Grady (Via Battersea) - £20,000

TRUSTS

Charities Trust - £980

Charities Trust - £500

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust - £10,000

Charities Trust - £1,000

With grateful thanks for the many donations left to our charity.

Donations

Donations came through Facebook and Enthuse, also from owners of animals we helped/rehomed and appeals. Donations are dropped off at the Sanctuary, shop, stalls and at all the venues we fundraise. It's difficult to put a value on the donations, but it would certainly be in excess of £80,000.

Specialists

We feel that we ought to mention the assistance given by Colin Thomson, our bookkeeper, who sadly had a stroke in December 2023, which meant that all our bookkeeping and files had to be transferred to our accountant at an increased cost. Thanks to Peter Buck and the team of Champion accountants for help and advice throughout the year. Also, Allison and the team from Barn Lodge Veterinary Surgery.

Leah and the team from The Dog Clinic and the court approved experts for giving their time and for their support with legal issues.

Special grateful thanks to Barrister Pam Rose, who gave her time voluntary and Kellie O'Shea for helping deal with XL issues and for using her legal background and experience to support us.

Fundraising practices

Fundraising

Facebook and Social Media

Special thanks to retired Trustee, Tracey Hillon, who set up the original Facebook page. She continued to give tremendous support for Facebook fundraising with auctions, book sales and general sales. She raised £1,000s. She did this alongside of fostering cats and kittens, and promoting them on Facebook to seek homes.

Community Work

We have been chosen for another year as community partners by our local Pets At Home in Burscough. We are active in the community assisting with pets and problems, giving advice on dog training and general animal care. We are highly regarded in the community; we receive donations and pet food on a daily basis. If we had to put a price on this it would be approaching £30,000 a year in goods and donations.

We also ran our own community food bank, delivering food to other rescue centres throughout the country and also to local people who were suffering shortages due to Covid. As part of the Cats Protection Advocacy scheme we were involved in arranging neutering for cats belonging to people with limited funds. We offered a neuter and return service. There was no charge for this. We continued to assist with neutering Bull Breeds and we funded the neutering of parent animals whenever we collected puppies.

Volunteers

Volunteers provide essential support that improves the lives of our animals and supports our staff. Volunteers help in a variety of areas, not just for animal care at the sanctuary but also helping staff at the boarding kennels, assisting at our dog shows and in our charity shop.

As well as individual volunteers we have also had valuable assistance from corporate groups, they help us with work on the site such as painting and gardening. We had lots of daffodils planted in the Autumn which was amazing when they all flowered in the spring. Staff also give their time, when they are off or during the evening, Facebook admin, fundraising and working with the animals. The volunteers are a valuable asset. Our volunteer shop manager, Chris Foss and her team have considerably increased the taking in the shop without us having to provide any salaries. Tracey Hillon, as well as fostering cats and kittens and giving assistance with other animals, runs the online auctions which provides a valuable income to the sanctuary.

We have over 60 regular volunteers who help with fundraising, at the shop, stalls, shows and at the sanctuary.

The local community support us greatly, so it is always good to have them working with us.

Fundraising

Our main fundraising is our charity shop and our dog shows. We have become very successful at our fundraising . This was developed during covid and has become an excellent tool. Our supporters are happy to donate in this way. We now have 115,000 Facebook followers and its extremely active with new post added daily. In view of this, we are doing fewer street collections and stalls. These methods of fundraising are less successful.

Dog Shows – These are well supported. We have five Fun Dog Shows each raising between £5-6,000. Our Grand Sales at Lydiate raise from around £1,000 each event.

Acknowledgements

Pets At Home Foundation

Pets At Home in Burscough

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

The Gallimore Trust

All the Facebook Friends, Enthuse (formerly Charity Checkout), PayPal and Go Fund Me donators

Colin Thomson, our bookkeeper

Peter Buck from Champion Accountants

Sanctuary volunteers - Joe Ferber our Handyman, Helen, Bob, Jimmy, Kay and Shirley for all their help at the Sanctuary

Chris Foss and the Formby shop volunteers

The Maghull Stall team

The Dog Show Helpers

Allison and all the team from Barn Lodge Vets, Ribble Vets and all the other vets that have helped with our animals

The cake bakers and the craft makers

Hilary for caring for our donkeys in all weather, all year

Our wonderful staff for always being there for the animals, well into the night.

Our trustee Margaret Brady and Judy for caring for all the cats when we don't have room at the Sanctuary.

Helen and Bob Smyth for their constant support at the dog shows and other events

Shylowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary for their care of our ponies

To countless others who have donated, far too many to mention here.

Financial review

The charity received income of £1,054,868 (2023: £1,557,827) during the year. The expenditure in the year totalled £805,995 (2023: £707,818) which resulted in a surplus for the year of £248,873 (2023: £850,009) contributing to help build reserves.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which enables the charity to continue with its ongoing activities. 70% - 80% of the Charity's income is voluntary income. The trustees consider that holding sufficient reserves will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Due to a reliance on income from legacies, which is hard to predict, the Trustees have set a level for general funds of £850,000 which equates to approximately 12 months of projected costs.

There are currently £809,169 of unrestricted reserves, excluding designated reserves, which equates to 11 months running costs.

Investment policy

The charity has a small balance of investments, being cash held on deposit which helps provide a better return than the interest rate available at present.

Major risks

The trustees have assessed the to which the charity is exposed and keep these under regular review.

Structure, governance and management
The charity is a company limited by guarantee , as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Miss M I Brady
Mrs F A Ellis
Ms J L McGee

Recruitment and appointment of trustees
The Board is responsible for the recruitment and appointment of new Trustees. Any potential trustees are interviewed by relevant members of the Board and, if suitable, appointed as a Trustee.

Induction and training of trustees
New trustees are given a thorough induction by existing Board Members to explain the role and responsibilities of a Trustee and the work undertaken by the charity.

Auditor
In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Champion Accountants LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

FA Ellis
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Mrs F A Ellis
Trustee

Date: 28/01/2025

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors of Carla Lane Animals In Need for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements, 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;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Carla Lane Animals In Need (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

Limitation in Scope

The prior year was not subject to audit as it was below the audit threshold. As a result we are unable to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to determine whether the closing balances of last year, and the comparatives, are materially correct. As a result we are unable to determine whether any adjustments need to be made in that respect.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concem basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the company and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant; the Companies Act 2006, Employment legislation and Health and Safety legislation.

We obtained and understanding of how the Company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to management.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the audit team included:

- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- Identifying and testing journal entries; in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations;
- Reviewing material variation from our expectation in the income, expenses and balances; and
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Peter Buck FCA, DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor) 28/01/2025
for and on behalf of Champion Accountants LLP .....

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Champion Accountants LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	**2**	741,596	-	741,596	1,239,029	-	1,239,029
Charitable activities	**3**	201,071	-	201,071	195,356	-	195,356
Other trading activities	**4**	87,821	-	87,821	93,361	-	93,361
Investments	**5**	9,390	-	9,390	15,902	-	15,902
Other income	**6**	14,990	-	14,990	14,179	-	14,179
Total income		1,054,868	-	1,054,868	1,557,827	-	1,557,827
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**7**	26,777	-	26,777	30,087	-	30,087
Charitable activities	**8**	779,218	-	779,218	677,731	-	677,731
Total expenditure		805,995	-	805,995	707,818	-	707,818
Net income		248,873	-	248,873	850,009	-	850,009
Transfers between funds		293,106	(293,106)	-	(1,033,201)	1,033,201	-
Net movement in funds	**10**	541,979	(293,106)	248,873	(183,192)	1,033,201	850,009
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		267,190	3,005,491	3,272,681	450,382	1,972,290	2,422,672
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		809,169	2,712,385	3,521,554	267,190	3,005,491	3,272,681

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**14**		2,571,385		2,330,491
Current assets					
Debtors	**15**	246,832		98,325	
Cash at bank and in hand		743,398		862,421	
		990,230		960,746	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(40,061)		(18,556)	
Net current assets			950,169		942,190
Total assets less current liabilities			3,521,554		3,272,681
Net assets excluding pension liability			3,521,554		3,272,681
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds - general			809,169		267,190
Unrestricted funds - designated	**18**		2,712,385		3,005,491
			3,521,554		3,272,681

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 March 2024, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The director acknowledges her responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 28/01/2025

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Mrs F A Ellis
Trustee

Company registration number 02314427 (England and Wales)

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**22**		175,856		1,275,556
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(304,269)		(405,975)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		-		100	
Investment income received		9,390		15,902	
Net cash used in investing activities			(294,879)		(389,973)
Financing activities					
Repayment of bank loans		-		(308,510)	
Net cash used in financing activities			-		(308,510)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(119,023)		577,073
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			862,421		285,348
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			743,398		862,421

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Carla Lane Animals In Need is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Fir Tree Animal Sanctuary, 3 Spurriers Lane, Prescott Road, Liverpool, Merseyside, L31 1BA.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that are set aside for specific future expenditure.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Direct charitable costs are allocated to the Charity's main activity heading.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

A review for impairment of the leasehold land is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that he carrying amount of the fixed asset may not be recoverable, whether through the economic benefits or through disposal.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Leasehold land and buildings	No depreciation provided
Plant and equipment	25% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Donations and gifts	554,019	259,398
Legacies receivable	140,050	823,209
Grants	2,527	14,000
Donated goods and services	45,000	50,000
Donations from Subsidiary	-	92,422
	741,596	1,239,029
Grants receivable for core activities		
Other	-	9,000
RSPCA	-	5,000
Other	2,527	-
	2,527	14,000

Donated goods and services

The value of Donated Goods are estimated based on the donation, and usage, of 900 cans of animal food per week.
Donated goods are received from various funders throughout the year.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Unrestricted funds 2023 £**
Welfare services for animals		
Adoption and re-homing income	201,071	195,356

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	-	159
Shop income	87,821	93,202
Other trading activities	87,821	93,361

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Rental income	9,390	15,902

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Commision received	14,990	14,179

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Other fundraising costs	4,336	6,739
Trading costs		
Operating charity shops	22,441	23,348
Total costs	26,777	30,087

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Welfare services for animals 2024 £	Welfare services for animals 2023 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	359,141	304,415
Depreciation and impairment	63,375	47,774
Insurance	7,476	7,200
Light and heat	26,865	22,111
Telephone	1,389	4,119
Sundries	9,485	3,344
Animal care and foodstuffs	34,325	49,880
Motor expenses	11,652	14,397
Veterinary fees	130,770	98,798
Repairs and renewals	24,799	14,920
Notional costs of donated goods	45,000	50,000
Staff training	7,864	4,927
Bank loan interest	-	5,780
Bank charges	6,364	5,804
Donations	1,549	-
	730,054	633,469
Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)		
Governance	49,164	44,262
	779,218	677,731
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	779,218	677,731

9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Audit fees	-	13,200	13,200	8,000	Governance
Legal and professional	-	12,305	12,305	11,344	Governance
Bookkeeping	-	3,659	3,659	4,918	Governance
Trustees expenses	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	Governance
	-	49,164	49,164	44,262	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	-	49,164	49,164	44,262	

10 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	13,200	8,000
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	63,375	47,774

11 Trustees

Trustees expenses amounted to £20,000 (2023; £20,000)

All expenses were donated back to the charity in full.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	19	17

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	336,512	285,502
Social security costs	19,026	15,318
Other pension costs	3,603	3,595
	359,141	304,415

12 Employees **(Continued)**

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	127,878	115,900

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	2,420,463	160,000	9,888	12,200	2,602,551
Additions	230,404	-	52,058	21,807	304,269
At 31 March 2024	2,650,867	160,000	61,946	34,007	2,906,820
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2023	252,264	-	9,290	10,506	272,060
Depreciation charged in the year	51,617	-	5,883	5,875	63,375
At 31 March 2024	303,881	-	15,173	16,381	335,435
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2024	2,346,986	160,000	46,773	17,626	2,571,385
At 31 March 2023	2,168,199	160,000	598	1,694	2,330,491

15 Debtors

	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	35,670	60,707
Prepayments and accrued income	211,162	37,618
	246,832	98,325

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	5,689	4,787
Trade creditors	18,635	-
Other creditors	4,641	3,150
Accruals and deferred income	11,096	10,619
	40,061	18,556

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes	2024 £	2023 £
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	3,603	3,595

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

18 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2023	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Designated - fixed assets	2,330,491	240,894	2,571,385
Rabbit Unit/Cattery development	360,000	(340,000)	20,000
Electricity supply upgrade	70,000	15,000	85,000
Kennel build	245,000	(235,000)	10,000
Site renovation work	-	26,000	26,000
	3,005,491	(293,106)	2,712,385

Previous year:	At 1 April 2022	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Designated - fixed assets	1,972,290	358,201	2,330,491
Rabbit unit/Cattery development	-	360,000	360,000
Electricity supply upgrade	-	70,000	70,000
Kennel buid	-	245,000	245,000
	1,972,290	1,033,201	3,005,491

18 Unrestricted funds - designated **(Continued)**

The funds have been designated by the trustees during the year and represent the following purposes:

£2,571,385 represents the value of the fixed assets of the Charity. The funds tied up in these are not easily liquidated and cannot be relied upon for the day to day running of the organisation.

£20,000 is the balance remaining to be spent on the funds previously designated for a new Cattery building and Rabbit unit which are in need of improvement.

£85,000 has been designated for essential work on the electricity supply to the Animal Centre.

£10,000 is the balance remaining on the funds previously designated for the building of a new kennel area.

£26,000 has been designated for Site renovation works which are essential for the ongoing care of the animals.

19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated - fixed assets	2,330,491	-	-	240,894	2,571,385
Rabbit Unit/Cattery development	360,000	-	-	(340,000)	20,000
Electricity supply upgrade	70,000	-	-	15,000	85,000
Kennel build	245,000	-	-	(235,000)	10,000
Site renovation work	-	-	-	26,000	26,000
General funds	267,190	1,054,868	(805,995)	293,106	809,169
	3,272,681	1,054,868	(805,995)	-	3,521,554

Previous year:	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated - fixed assets	1,972,290	-	-	358,201	2,330,491
Rabbit Unit/Cattery development	-	-	-	360,000	360,000
Electricity supply upgrade	-	-	-	70,000	70,000
Kennel build	-	-	-	245,000	245,000
General funds	450,382	1,557,827	(707,818)	(1,033,201)	267,190
	2,422,672	1,557,827	(707,818)	-	3,272,681

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	-	2,571,385	2,571,385
Current assets/(liabilities)	809,169	141,000	950,169
	809,169	2,712,385	3,521,554

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	-	2,330,491	2,330,491
Current assets/(liabilities)	267,190	675,000	942,190
	267,190	3,005,491	3,272,681

22 Cash generated from operations

	2024 £	2023 £
Surplus for the year	248,873	850,009
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(9,390)	(15,902)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	63,375	47,774
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(148,507)	386,893
Increase in creditors	21,505	6,782
Cash generated from operations	175,856	1,275,556

23 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

Carla Lane Animals In Need

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CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Miss M I Brady Mrs F A Ellis Ms J L McGee
Secretary	
Charity number	1031342
Company number	02314427
Registered office	Fir Tree Animal Sanctuary 3 Spurriers Lane Prescott Road Liverpool Merseyside L31 1BA
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CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Charity's function is to Rescue, Rehabilitate and Rehome animals, also, to work in the community giving support. We are committed to the welfare and well-being of all animals especially those neglected, abused and abandoned. In doing so we are helping members of the public with pet related problems and issues. We provide a much-needed service by ensuring that new owners are given the correct guidance and advice needed when choosing a companion animal. We network with other organisations for the benefit of the animals, sharing knowledge and expertise.

The charity remains one of the first ports of call, for the members of the public and authorities seeking help with pet related problems. We are the Go -To organisation in our area for people requiring help with Bull Breed dogs and assisted neutering. This year has been the busiest in our history. We have been overwhelmed by the numbers of dogs and cats requiring help.

We have continued to increase our services significantly, improving our ability to rescue and rehome dogs and cats. We have done so by updated facilities that meet all welfare requirements. In this financial year, we have provided a new purpose built cattery which complies with all the welfare standards and can accommodate 30 cats and kittens. We had already provided a new kennel block for the dogs over and above the welfare standards. In addition to this, this year we have provided a new isolation, veterinary room, meet and greet rooms and an indoor exercise arena, which is vital for the training of the dogs.

We are still receiving large number of requests to assist with dogs from European countries and further afield. However, we have had to reduce the numbers that we help. This is due to the increasing dog crisis that we are experiencing due to the overbreeding of dogs generally, but in particular, the larger Bull Breeds. The British pounds are overflowing and many healthy dogs are being destroyed.

We are known as a safe place for many rejected, abandoned animals and traumatised dogs from the pound, that are often facing their 'last walk'. They come to us into quiet spacious kennels to recover from the terrible experiences they have suffered.

At the sanctuary, we plan for all the animals that we know will need our help. We have to feed the animals, heat the sanctuary and pay the vet bills. It all comes at a cost. The animals come to us for many reasons, some genuine, mostly because of the unkindness or thoughtlessness of humankind. We see so much suffering, but we also experience the immeasurable joy of seeing an animal regain health and confidence and go on to a loving home. We are fortunate to have the amazing support from many kind people. It is this that inspires us to continue our work in the community. We pride ourselves in helping the animals and those people involved with them.

Public benefit

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

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Last year we are proud to say that we rescued 504 dogs, 238 cats and 60 other animals.

We run our own pet foodbank service for pets in need. We reach out to hostels for homeless people and provide food and bedding for their pets. We transported food that was surplus to our requirements to other rescues, near and far. We networked with local food banks to provide pet food.

As always, we aim to help the most vulnerable animals that were requiring surgery and special veterinary care. This has impacted on our vet bills causing a significant increase in costs. We have managed to put funds aside for our planned new maternity unit. This is much needed due to the increasing numbers of puppies and pregnant dogs. There has been a substantial increase in litters, something we have not seen in many years. This is due to irresponsible, unregulated breeding of dogs individuals as a cash crop.

Moss Cottage Retreat and Warren Farm Boarding Kennels

Our boarding kennels have continued to be really popular and have provided the sanctuary with a gross profit of £57,768.

While it has provided a service for many it has also offered 14 spaces, within this period, to vaccinated rescue dogs when the sanctuary has been full. Providing emergency spaces to those dogs to keep them safe.

We have invested in the boarding kennels in this period by improving the drainage. Extensive drainage work was needed to drain the water away from the property across the land to the stream. The dampproof installation was then provided around the bungalow and associated repairs were made to the inside areas damaged by damp. To comply with planning, we had acoustic fencing around the kennels as well as soundproofing to the dog runs. The whole site was secured with double metal entrance gates.

We are now able to invite volunteers to work supervised at the boarding kennels, which is a great help to the staff.

We no longer have Warren Farm Boarding kennels. It was put up for sale and had an instant buyer. The money from the sale was used to pay the loan on Moss Cottage Kennels, thus avoiding the higher interest rate. We do not have any outstanding loans. We have retained one bungalow at Warren Farm, which brings in a rental income in excess of £8,000 a year.

Shop and Events
The shop is the main source of income. It has become hugely successful due to the volunteer manager and her dedicated team of volunteers. It raised £74k in the financial year.

Animal Welfare
We are a member of ADCH (Association of Dog and Cat Homes). Our facilities are of the highest the standard and are well above the regulatory requirements for welfare standards.

Our facilities for cats and dogs are of the highest standard. We recognise the need to improve facilities for the rabbits and farm animals and a revamp of our special care unit is planned for the next financial year.
During Covid, we had an appointment only system for viewing animal and zoom meetings to inspect the home and garden. This proved very successful, and we continue to use these methods but we still deliver animals out to homes and do home checks.

The vet bills have increased enormously due to increased vet costs having to deal with intake animals who have received no vet care during Covid.
Many require expensive operations, neuters and vaccines as well as extra care due to neglect.
We also need a new animal ambulance. We have an older van, which is for general use and a smaller van used for vet duties and animal deliveries. We need a new fully equipped ambulance.

Cats at the Sanctuary

The completion of our new cattery building has made a huge difference this year, allowing us to work more efficiently in a comfortable, modern environment. The cattery now comprises a main room, with individual pens able to comfortably house 20-25 adult cats, and an adjoining 'kittens and seniors' room with three pens, providing a more quiet and secluded space for mothers with litters, or elderly cats who might feel stressed in a busier room, and also functions as disease isolation for animals too young or old to be vaccinated. In addition to this, we have our special care unit (already existing, not included in the rebuild), and a new feral building was constructed to give high quality accommodation to our resident colony of feral cats, where they are free to come and go as they please.

During the relevant time period, we took in a total of 122 adult cats and 109 kittens (including 39 born to pregnant cats in our network of foster homes). The majority of these have now been rehomed, aside from a few long-term cats who are still waiting with us, and a small number of cases where euthanasia was carried out on veterinary recommendation, due to ill health and deteriorating quality of life. Our population of ferals has remained stable, with seven neutered adults who come to us for food on a daily basis (with occasional extra visitors from neighbouring properties).

Vet bills have risen during this period, with the vet practice we normally use – Barn Lodge Vets – increasing prices for our most-needed services such as neutering and vaccinations. The majority of cats we take in are not vaccinated, and also require immediate treatment for parasites. During the summer months, when we take in large numbers of kittens, we know there will later be batches of multiple neuters and vaccinations to book for these litters. Blood tests and dental work, while not performed on a regular basis, are done often enough to make a financial impact. We usually spend around £1,000 per month on basic vet care for the cats, without taking into account any extra/emergency procedures.

Our new cattery pens are in a better-organised layout than in the old building, allowing us to monitor the condition of the cats and their environment, and giving easier access for cleaning. Underfloor heating now ensures the pens remain warm and dry through the winter, and many cats can be seen sprawling happily on the heated areas during the evening. Greater separation between the individual pens gives them privacy, reducing conflict and stress, and we have more space to give each cat hiding places and enrichment items, overall setting a higher standard of welfare.

We have received many positive comments from visitors, impressed by the accommodation our animals now have. Over the summer we held a Cattery Open Weekend, where people could book time slots in exchange for a donation. They were given a guided tour of the cattery to demonstrate the good work we do, as well as enjoying supervised playtime with some of the most sociable residents. This was a great success and raised a significant amount of funds, as well as prompting a couple of adoption and volunteering offers.

Cat Outwork
The cat outwork function is to care for the feral and stray animals which fall outside the remit of the main sanctuary which is rescue and rehoming of domestic pets.

The outwork consists of trapping, neuter and return of ferals often in commercial premises as well private households. There is also a response to pregnant cats and kittens including orphans needing to be bottle reared. These activities are labour and time intensive and were provided on a voluntary basis by one trustee plus a colleague based on a farm about 2 miles from the main sanctuary.

From about 2017, Cats Protection set up an advocacy scheme for reputable charities. They paid for cat neuters and CLAIN contributed, transport, care and extra vet costs with matched funding.

During the year April 2022 to the end of March 2023, cat outwork in the community declined due to age and infirmity of the two outworkers. It became a care situation for the remaining ferals on the farm site and the main sanctuary took on board some of the work with pregnant cats and kittens using foster homes to assist. The Cats Protection handled the trapping and neutering side of the exercise. Everyone's resources were strained to the limit.

Progressions/Projection

For the future when the rabbit accommodation and farm upgrade are completed resources should become available for CLAIN once again to have a more active role in the cat outwork especially in the local Kirkby area.
Lack of trained staff is a limiting factor and the appointment of an additional experienced person to the cat team in September 2023 should ease the workload for the main cattery with a knock-on effect for the outwork. A purpose-built feral unit already exists for future use. The onsite ferals are already in residence.

Legacies, Grants and Loans

Joyce Evelyn Clare £300k and £290k
Lady Phyllis Betty Stone £5,000
Dorothy Agnes Jackson £16,753.62
John Darksen £1,711.63 (Final)
Richard Lloyd Morris £22,847.75
Eleanor Blackburn £1,000
Raymond Pedder £10,000
Winifred Duncan £6821
Pamela Grey Gibbons £100
Robert Allen Lomas £10,000
With grateful thanks.

Donations
Donations came through Facebook and Enthuse, also from owners of animals we helped/rehomed and appeals. Donations are dropped off at the Sanctuary, shop, stalls and at all the venues we fundraise.

Specialists
We feel that we ought to mention the assistance given by Colin Thomson our bookkeeper and Peter Buck of Champion accountants for help and advice throughout the year. Also, Austin, Allison and the team from Barn Lodge Veterinary Surgery.

Facebook and Social Media
Special thanks to retired Trustee, Tracey Hillon, who set up the original Facebook page. She continued to give tremendous support for Facebook fundraising with auctions, book sales and general sales. She raised £1000s. She did this alongside of fostering cats and kittens, and promoting them on Facebook to seek homes.

Community Work
We have been chosen for another year as community partners by our local Pets At Home in Burscough. We are active in the community assisting with pets and problems, giving advice on dog training and general animal care. We are highly regarded in the community; we receive donations and pet food on a daily basis. If we had to put a price on this it would be approaching £30,000 a year in goods and donations.

We also ran our own community food bank, delivering food to other rescue centres throughout the country and also to local people who were suffering shortages due to Covid. As part of the Cats Protection Advocacy scheme we were involved in arranging neutering for cats belonging to people with limited funds. We offered a neuter and return service. There was no charge for this. We continued to assist with neutering Bull Breeds and we funded the neutering of parent animals whenever we collected puppies.

Our other community services were limited due to Covid restrictions.

Volunteers
We have continued to welcome volunteers to our sanctuary. They provide essential support that improves the lives of our animals. Volunteers help in a variety of areas, not just for animal care at the sanctuary but also helping staff at the boarding kennels, assisting at our dog shows and in our charity shop.

As well as individual volunteers we have also had valuable assistance from corporate groups, they help us with work on the site such as painting and gardening. We had lots of daffodils planted in the Autumn which was amazing when they all flowered in the spring. Staff also give their time, when they are off or during the evening, Facebook admin, fundraising and working with the animals. The volunteers are a valuable asset. Our volunteer shop manager, Chris Foss and her team have considerably increased the taking in the shop without us having to provide any salaries. Tracey Hillon, as well as fostering cats and kittens and giving assistance with other animals, runs the online auctions which provides a valuable income to the sanctuary.

We have over 60 regular volunteers who help with fundraising, at the shop, stalls, shows and at the sanctuary.

The local community support us greatly, so it is always good to have them working with us.

Fundraising practices

Fundraising

Our main fundraising is our charity shop and our dog shows. We have become very successful at our fundraising . This was developed during covid and has become an excellent tool. Our supporters are happy to donate in this way. We now have 104,000 Facebook followers and its extremely active with new post added daily. In view of this, we are doing fewer street collections and stalls. These methods of fundraising are less successful.

Dog Shows – These are well supported. We have five Fun Dog Shows each raising between £4-6,000. Our regular Maghull Stall raises around £7,000 a year. Our Grand Sales at Lydiate raise from £600+ each event.

Financial review

The charity received income of £1,557,827 (2022: £919,253) during the year. The expenditure in the year totalled £707,818 (2022: £600,477) which resulted in a surplus for the year of £850,109 (2022: £318,776) contributing to help build reserves.

Subsidiary Company

Significant funds have been invested, by way of a loan to our wholly owned subsidiary Trading Company. The Trading Company operated a commercial Boarding Kennel business which generated profits for donating back to the Charity.

The Subsidiary Company ran a dog kennel business but ceased trading due to Covid restrictions. The sale of the property relating to the subsidiary was undertaken during the year with any profit being donated to the charity. The subsidiary company has prepared accounts to its cessation date of 30th September 2023.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which enables the charity to continue with its ongoing activities. Over 80% of the Charity's income is voluntary income. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The Trustees have set a level for general funds of £350,000 which equates to approximately six months of costs.

There are currently £267,290 of unrestricted reserves, excluding restricted and designated reserves, which equates to 4.5 months running costs.

Investment policy

The charity has a small balance of investments, being cash held on deposit which helps provide a better return than the interest rate available at present.

Major risks

The trustees have assessed the to which the charity is exposed and keep these under regular review.

Plans for future periods

Although we have a core team of dedicated people, we are still in need of extra trustees who are responsible for specific areas and duties.

Animal Ambulance- we need a new animal ambulance, with professionally installed kennels in the rear. This has been costed at £33,578 inc VAT

Rabbit Runs – We are keen to provide accommodation that exceeds standard for rabbits, thus increasing education to their needs and providing quality care while they are with us. We are proposing a new rabbit run of 8 units. This has been costed at £53,897 inc VAT

Farm Building- we need to replace our old stable with a new unit- this is projected to cost around £15,000

Shelters- we need shelters for our dog compounds for inclement weather, these have been costed at £2,350.

These will help assist us in our ongoing furtherance of the charity's objectives and to ensure that all animals are safeguarded.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee , as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs A Lea	(Resigned 1 April 2022)
Miss M I Brady	
Mrs F A Ellis	
Ms J L McGee	
Ms J K Randall	(Resigned 25 August 2022)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Board is responsible for the recruitment and appointment of new Trustees. Any potential trustees are interviewed by relevant members of the Board and, if suitable, appointed as a Trustee.

Induction and training of trustees
New trustees are given a thorough induction by existing Board Members to explain the role and responsibilities of a Trustee and the work undertaken by the charity.

Staff
We are very fortunate to have loyal staff, committed to the work we do. We recognise the need to recruit more staff and realise the impact on pay roll especially due to new living wage. We employ 19 members of staff: full time and part time.

Training
General training, H & S and specific dog handling is ongoing.

Our HR and Health and Safety is managed by Peninsular. They update us regularly with current regulations and notify us of any changes. They also provide an assessor to check the Health and Safety procedures.

We continue to train staff, with new and appropriate methods, to enable safe interaction with the animals they care for. General health and safety training is essential and is given priority.

We have been very fortunate to obtain the help, on a volunteer basis of an experienced trainer. He undertakes the training of the staff with dog handling and safety. He prepares the assessment for staff and dogs and training guidelines. He also provides assistance to the owners who have adopted dogs from us. We consider training to be a vital part of dog ownership. We cover all aspects of training in recommendations that are provided for each individual dog and owner.

It is important to recognise the special needs of specific dogs. Our own onsite training cannot always address the problems that some of the dogs exhibit. We seek the help of specialists and experts in rehabilitation and sometimes dogs enter residential care. Training has become a very big issue, due to many dogs lacking in social interactions when they come to us. This is becoming very costly; however, corners cannot be cut. We have a duty of care to public safety. We are hoping to apply for grants for training costs. New procedures have been put in place for staff handling dogs, particularly for apprentices and trainees.

Other matters

Acknowledgements

Pets At Home Foundation
Pets At Home
Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust
The Gallimore Trust
Cats Protection

All the Facebook Friends, Enthuse (formerly Charity Checkout), Paypal and Go Fund Me donators

Colin Thomson, our bookkeeper

Peter Buck from Champion Accountants

Sanctuary volunteers - Joe Ferber our Handyman, , Bob, Jimmy, Kay and Shirley for all their help at the Sanctuary
Chris Foss and the Formby shop volunteers
The Maghull Stall team
The Dog Show Helpers
Ray the Bee man for taking care of the bees,
Austin and Allison and all the team from Barn Lodge Vets, Ribble Vets and all the other vets that have helped with our animals
Norma & Ken Richardson
The cake bakers and the craft makers
Hilary for caring for our donkeys in all weather, all year
Our wonderful staff for always being there for the animals, well into the night.
Our trustee Margaret Brady and Judy for caring for all the cats when we don't have room at the Sanctuary.
Helen and Bob Smyth
Shylowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary for their care of the ponies
To countless others who have donated, far too many to mention here.

Please read the attached newsletter (at back of Accounts) for an insight into the work we do and the many lives saved.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Champion Accountants LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mrs F A Ellis
Trustee

Date: 12/3/24

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors of Carla Lane Animals In Need for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements, 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;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Carla Lane Animals In Need (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for qualified opinion

Limitation in Scope

The prior year was not subject to audit as it was below the audit threshold. As a result we are unable to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to determine whether the closing balances of last year, and the comparatives, are materially correct. As a result we are unable to determine whether any adjustments need to be made in that respect.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In respect solely of the limitation on our work relating to last year's closing balances and comparative figures described above:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit; and
- we were unable to determine whether adequate accounting records had been maintained.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the company and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant; the Companies Act 2006, Employment legislation and Health and Safety legislation.

We obtained and understanding of how the Company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to management.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the audit team included:

- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- Identifying and testing journal entries; in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations;
- Reviewing material variation from our expectation in the income, expenses and balances; and
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Peter Buck FCA, DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Champion Accountants LLP

12/03/2024

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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Champion Accountants LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	1,239,029	-	1,239,029	668,848	-	668,848
Charitable activities	3	195,356	-	195,356	127,454	-	127,454
Other trading activities	4	93,361	-	93,361	76,619	-	76,619
Investments	5	15,902	-	15,902	34,670	-	34,670
Other income	6	14,179	-	14,179	11,662	-	11,662
Total income		1,557,827	-	1,557,827	919,253	-	919,253
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	30,087	-	30,087	27,570	-	27,570
Charitable activities	8	677,731	-	677,731	572,907	-	572,907
Total expenditure		707,818	-	707,818	600,477	-	600,477
Net income		850,009	-	850,009	318,776	-	318,776
Transfers between funds		(1,033,201)	1,033,201	-	20,688	(20,688)	-
Net movement in funds		(183,192)	1,033,201	850,009	339,464	(20,688)	318,776
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		450,382	1,972,290	2,422,672	110,918	1,992,978	2,103,896
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		267,190	3,005,491	3,272,681	450,382	1,972,290	2,422,672

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		2,330,491		1,972,290
Investments	14		-		100
			2,330,491		1,972,390
Current assets					
Debtors	15	98,325		485,218	
Cash at bank and in hand		862,421		285,348	
		960,746		770,566	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	18,556		23,274	
Net current assets			942,190		747,292
Total assets less current liabilities			3,272,681		2,719,682
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		-		(297,010)
Net assets			3,272,681		2,422,672
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds - general			267,190		450,382
Unrestricted funds - designated	19		3,005,491		1,972,290
			3,272,681		2,422,672

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 March 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The director acknowledges her responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 17 March 2024

M Brady

Miss M I Brady
Trustee

F A Ellis

Mrs F A Ellis
Trustee

Company registration number 02314427 (England and Wales)

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	23		1,282,556		243,615
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(405,975)		(522,423)	
Repayment of investment loans and receivables		(7,000)		-	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		100		-	
Investment income received		15,902		34,670	
Net cash used in investing activities			(396,973)		(487,753)
Financing activities					
Repayment of bank loans		(308,510)		(12,455)	
Net cash used in financing activities			(308,510)		(12,455)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			577,073		(256,593)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			285,348		541,941
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			862,421		285,348

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Carla Lane Animals In Need is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Fir Tree Animal Sanctuary, 3 Spurriers Lane, Prescott Road, Liverpool, Merseyside, L31 1BA.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that are set aside for specific future expenditure.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Direct charitable costs are allocated to the Charity's main activity heading.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Leasehold land and buildings	No depreciation provided
Plant and equipment	25% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Donations and gifts	259,398	409,540
Legacies receivable	823,209	166,156
Grants	14,000	64,152
Donated goods and services	50,000	15,000
Donations from Subsidiary	92,422	14,000
	1,239,029	668,848
Grants receivable for core activities		
Council grant	-	2,667
JRS grant	-	61,485
Other	9,000	-
RSPCA	5,000	-
	14,000	64,152

Donated goods and services

The value of Donated Goods are estimated based on the donation, and usage, of 1,000 cans of dog food per week.

Donated goods are received from various funders throughout the year.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Welfare services for animals		
Adoption and re-homing income	195,356	127,454

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	159	138
Shop income	93,202	76,481
Other trading activities	93,361	76,619

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Rental income	15,902	34,670

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Commision received	14,179	11,662

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Other fundraising costs	6,739	4,901
Trading costs		
Operating charity shops	23,348	22,669
Total costs	30,087	27,570

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Welfare services for animals 2023 £	Welfare services for animals 2022 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	304,415	290,642
Depreciation and impairment	47,774	43,111
Insurance	7,200	7,247
Light and heat	22,111	18,620
Telephone	4,119	5,736
Sundries	3,344	1,081
Animal care and foodstuffs	49,880	28,213
Motor expenses	14,397	12,051
Veterinary fees	98,798	66,937
Repairs and renewals	14,920	26,047
Notional costs of donated goods	50,000	15,000
Staff training	4,927	2,258
Bank loan interest	5,780	17,647
Bank charges	5,804	4,158
	633,469	538,748
Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)		
Governance	44,262	34,159
	677,731	572,907
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	677,731	572,907

9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	2022	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Audit fees	-	8,000	8,000	-	Governance
Independant examiner's fee	-	-	-	4,200	Governance
Legal and professional	-	11,344	11,344	9,843	Governance
Bookkeeping	-	4,918	4,918	4,116	Governance
Trustees expenses	-	20,000	20,000	16,000	Governance
	-	44,262	44,262	34,159	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	-	44,262	44,262	34,159	

10 Trustees

Trustees expenses amounted to £20,000 (2022; £16,000)

All expenses were donated back to the charity in full.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	17	16

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	285,502	272,653
Social security costs	15,318	14,358
Other pension costs	3,595	3,631
	304,415	290,642

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2022	2,174,488	-	9,888	12,200	2,196,576
Additions	245,975	160,000	-	-	405,975
At 31 March 2023	2,420,463	160,000	9,888	12,200	2,602,551
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2022	205,255	-	9,090	9,941	224,286
Depreciation charged in the year	47,009	-	200	565	47,774
At 31 March 2023	252,264	-	9,290	10,506	272,060
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2023	2,168,199	160,000	598	1,694	2,330,491
At 31 March 2022	1,969,233	-	798	2,259	1,972,290

14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2022	100
Disposals	(100)
At 31 March 2023	-
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	-
At 31 March 2022	100

Share capital of £100 (subsidiary) was disposed of during the year.

15 Debtors

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	-	30,760
Other debtors	60,707	134,355
Prepayments and accrued income	37,618	1,724
	98,325	166,839

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due after more than one year:	£	£
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	-	318,379
Total debtors	98,325	485,218

16 Loans and overdrafts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	-	308,510
Payable within one year	-	11,500
Payable after one year	-	297,010

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Bank loans	16	-	11,500
Other taxation and social security		4,787	4,224
Other creditors		3,150	-
Accruals and deferred income		10,619	7,550
		18,556	23,274

18 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	16	-	297,010

19 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2022 £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
	1,972,290	1,033,201	3,005,491

Previous year:	At 1 April 2021 £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
	1,992,978	(20,688)	1,972,290

The funds have been designated by the trustees during the year and represent the following purposes:

£2,330,491 represents the value of the fixed assets of the Charity. The funds tied up in these are not easily liquidated and cannot be relied upon for the day to day running of the organisation.

£360,000 has been designated for a new Cattery building and Rabbit unit which are in need of improvement.

£70,000 has been designated for essential work on the electricity supply to the Animal Centre.

£245,000 has been designated for the building of a new kennel area.

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated - fixed assets	1,972,290	-	-	358,201	2,330,491
Rabbit Unit/Cattery development	-	-	-	360,000	360,000
Electricity supply upgrade	-	-	-	70,000	70,000
Kennel build	-	-	-	245,000	245,000
General funds	450,382	1,557,827	(707,818)	(1,033,201)	267,190
	2,422,672	1,557,827	(707,818)	-	3,272,681

Previous year:	At 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated - fixed assets	1,492,978	-	(20,688)	500,000	1,972,290
Kennel/Cattery development	500,000	-	-	(500,000)	-
General funds	(1,882,060)	919,253	(579,789)	20,688	(1,521,908)
	110,918	919,253	(600,477)	20,688	450,382

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2023	Unrestricted funds designated 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	-	2,330,491	2,330,491
Current assets/(liabilities)	267,190	675,000	942,190
	267,190	3,005,491	3,272,681

21 Analysis of net assets between funds **(Continued)**

	Unrestricted funds general 2022	Unrestricted funds designated 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	-	1,972,290	1,972,290
Investments	100	-	100
Current assets/(liabilities)	747,292	-	747,292
Long term liabilities	(297,010)	-	(297,010)
	450,382	1,972,290	2,422,672

22 Related party transactions

Carla Lane Animals in Need is the Parent Charity to Carla Lane Trading Limited. During the year the Charity used the Company's facilities for boarding of animals . At the end of the year the Trading Company owed the Charity £NIL (2022: £349,139). During the year end the Subsidiary's assets have been sold and the subsidiary closed.

23 Cash generated from operations	2023	2022
	£	£
Surplus for the year	850,009	318,776
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(15,902)	(34,670)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	47,774	43,111
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	393,893	(55,602)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	6,782	(28,000)
Cash generated from operations	1,282,556	243,615

24 Analysis of changes in net funds/(debt)

	At 1 April 2022	Cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	285,348	577,073	862,421
Loans falling due within one year	(11,500)	11,500	-
Loans falling due after more than one year	(297,010)	297,010	-
	(23,162)	885,583	862,421

Carla Lane Animals In Need

England & Wales - Charity number 1031342

Accounts

Charity registration number 1031342

Company registration number 02314427 (England and Wales)

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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Trustees	Miss M I Brady Mrs F A Ellis Ms J L McGee	(Appointed 22 May 2021)
Secretary	Mrs A Lea	
Charity number	1031342	
Company number	02314427	
Registered office	Fir Tree Animal Sanctuary 3 Spurriers Lane Prescott Road Liverpool Merseyside L31 1BA	
Independent examiner	Champion TLL Limited 7-9 Station Road Hesketh Bank Preston Lancashire PR4 6SN	

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ſRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

1. For the benefit of the public, the advancement of animal welfare through promotion of kindness and the prevention of cruelty to animals in particular by providing or assisting in the provision of food, shelter and veterinary treatment for animals which are in need of care and protection.

2. The provision of neutering, education, and advocacy services to other animal carers and owners in furthering the welfare of animals.

3. To advance the education of the public in and to carry out research including the need, natural behaviour, habits and lifestyle of animals, and the proper care of all domestic animals and make public the useful result of such research.

The Charity's function is to Rescue, Rehabilitate and Rehome animals. Also, to work in the community giving support. We are committed to the welfare and well-being of all animals especially those neglected, abused and abandoned. In doing so we are helping members of the public with pet related problems and issues. We provide a much-needed service by ensuring that new owners are given the correct guidance and advice needed when choosing a companion animal. We network with other organisations for the benefit of the animals, sharing knowledge and expertise.

Carla Lane Animals In Need has for many years been the first port of call, for the members of the public and authorities seeking help with pet related problems. We have increased our services significantly, in particularly our ability to rescue and rehome dogs. We are receiving increasing number of requests to assist with dogs from European countries and further afield. The problems abroad have been exacerbated due to Covid resulting in huge numbers of abandoned dogs and puppies backing up in municipal pounds. They often fail to provide appropriate food and shelter and veterinary care. We are also having to step in when it's a failed adoption, i.e a well-meaning person who has adopted from abroad without rescue back up. These dogs are then left in limbo that can't be returned to the country of origin. So we have stepped in to help.

Fortunately, we are able to accommodate some of these dogs due to the substantial refurbishment of our kennel block which opened in July 2019. It came at a great cost and we had to increase our fundraising activities to raise the £500k which was required for the renovation. We were fortunate to benefit by a number of legacies. It has always been our policy to invest legacy funds into the infrastructure so improving the facilities for the animals we care for.

We are known as a safe place for many rejected, abandoned animals and traumatised dogs from the pound, that are often facing their 'last walk'. They come to us into quiet spacious kennels to recover from the terrible experiences they have suffered. At the Sanctuary, we make plans for all the animals that we know will need our help. We have to feed the animals, heat the sanctuary and pay the vet bills. It all comes at a cost. The animals come to us for many reasons, some genuine, mostly because of the unkindness or thoughtlessness of humankind. We see so much suffering, but we also experience the immeasurable joy of seeing an animal regain health and confidence and go on to a loving home. We are fortunate to have the amazing support from many kind people. It is this that inspires us to continue our work in the community. We pride ourselves in helping the animals and those people involved with them.

Public benefit

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

Achievements and performance

Last year we are proud to say that we rescued 467 dog, 262 cats, 60 other animals.

We ran our own pet foodbank service for pets in need. We transported food that was surplus to our requirements to other rescues, near and far. We networked with local food banks to provide pet food. There was a huge demand for this due to the impact of cost of living.

It is our aim always to help the most vulnerable animals that were requiring surgery and special veterinary care as well as supporting owners who were experiencing low income due to the pandemic. We gave assistance to help their pets.

We managed to save funds to put aside for our planned new cattery.

We are using Facebook as a tool for raffles, auctions, virtual events, promotion of animals for rehoming and appeals for food and vet bills.

Our new dog unit continues to be a great asset to the sanctuary. At the beginning of 2022, we converted the old cattery unit, which was attached to the dog unit, into an indoor dog play and exercise arena. We added 4 new 'meet & greet' rooms, a vet room and separate isolation unit to house 6 dogs. This is of great benefit to the welfare of dogs in respect a disease control and the arena also enables us to train the more challenging dogs.

Cattery – the cats now have the benefit of a new purpose-built facility in what was our fundraising storage area in our reception building. The cattery unit comprises of a kitten room and 16 pens, of which 10 have covered outside run areas and 6 have larger internal pens, all meet the new welfare standards. The outside pens have a unique design which is waterproof, windproof but allows fresh air. We also provided a purpose built feral and recovery unit.

We used legacy funds to provide these facilities. The Trustees always ensure this money is used to update infrastructure and not used on running costs.

Moss Cottage Retreat and Warren Farm Boarding Kennels
Moss Cottage Retreat is beginning to be a good source of income. It is recovering from impact of Covid. There are still planning matters regarding noise. There are still issues with flooding under floorboards of the bungalow. A land drainage expert has been contacted and preliminary work has begun by installing a land drain from rear of Moss Cottage Retreat across neighbouring Chickru Lodge land to the brook to take the excess surface water.

Warren Farm – this has been sold since the year end to someone who can keep it going as a boarding kennels. Trustee Ann Lea who has managed and worked at Warren Farm has retired. She kindly agreed to oversee Warren Farm until the sale was complete.

Shop and Events
The shop is the main source of income. It has become hugely successful due to the volunteer manager and her dedicated team of volunteers. It raised £74k in the financial year.

Animal Welfare
We are a member of ADCH (Association of Dog and Cat Homes). Our facilities are of the highest the standard and are well above the regulatory requirements for welfare standards.

Our facilities for cats and dogs are of the highest standard. We recognise the need to improve facilities for the rabbits and farm animals and a revamp of our special care unit is planned for the next financial year.

During Covid, we had an appointment only system for viewing animal and zoom meetings to inspect the home and garden. This proved very successful, and we continue to use these methods but we still deliver animals out to homes and do home checks.

The vet bills have increased enormously due to increased vet costs having to deal with intake animals who have received no vet care during Covid.
Many require expensive operations, neuters and vaccines as well as extra care due to neglect.

We also need a new animal ambulance. We have an older van, which is for general use and a smaller van used for vet duties and animal deliveries. We need a new fully equipped ambulance.

Cat Outwork
Cat outwork was limited due to Covid and the availability of veterinary care to neuter.

Trustee, Margaret Brady, remains responsible for cat outwork, putting in many hours each week.
The number of cats requiring rehoming still far outweighs the capacity of the charity to help. This reflects the social conditions of the times and also lack of neutering, despite the widespread schemes funded by the Cats Protection, and the fact that 90% of Merseyside veterinary practices participate.

The cat outwork is based at a farm near to the Sanctuary. Here there is a refuge for free-range feral cats, rescued from appalling conditions which cannot be returned.

Homes are difficult to find for ferals and this means there is an aging population of animals needing vet treatment, e.g. dental care.

Carla Lane Animals In Need is part of the advocacy scheme organised by the Cats Protection. Virtual meeting were held 3-4 times during the year. About eight local charities are represented ranging from lone participants to the large nationals, like the PDSA. The Cats Protection are running schemes in the needy areas of Liverpool, Everton, Anfield, Walton whereby a door to door survey yields cat numbers and local residents willing to participate.

Carla Lane Animals In Need receives £5,000 per year from Cats Protection and matches this amount from Gift Aid on food donations. This provides routine worming, defleaing etc, when feral or stray cats are neutered. The Cats Protection pays £40 per cat but only for the neuter. Additional fundraising is via Facebook appeals if a cat needs expensive surgery e.g. enucleation, amputation, entropion.

Legacies, Grants and Loans
Mary Burton £5,00
Roy Baines £40,000
Charlotte Elizabeth Hall £25,966
Kenneth Stanley Read £35,802
Mr Horrocks £19,457
Paul Sherman £28, 825
Rene Thelwell £11,106
With grateful thanks.

Donations
Donations came through Facebook and Enthuse, also from owners of animals we helped/rehomed and appeals. Donations are dropped off at the Sanctuary, shop, stalls and at all the venues we fundraise.

Specialists
We feel that we ought to mention the assistance given by Colin Thomson our bookkeeper and Peter Buck of Champion accountants for help and advice throughout the year. Also, Austin, Allison and the team from Barn Lodge Veterinary Surgery.

Facebook and Social Media
Special thanks to retired Trustee, Tracey Hillon, who set up the original Facebook page. She continued to give tremendous support for Facebook fundraising, auctions, book sales and general sales. She raised £1000s. She did this alongside of fostering cats and kitten, and promoting them on Facebook to seek homes.

Community Work
We have been chosen for another year as community partners by our local Pets At Home in Burscough. We are active in the community assisting with pets and problems, giving advice on dog training and general animal care. We are highly regarded in the community; we receive donations and pet food on a daily basis. If we had to put a price on this it would be approaching £30,000 a year in goods and donations.

We also ran our own community food bank, delivering food to other rescue centres throughout the country and also to local people who were suffering shortages due to Covid. As part of the Cats Protection Advocacy scheme we were involved in arranging neutering for cats belonging to people with limited funds. We offered a neuter and return service. There was no charge for this. We continued to assist with neutering Bull Breeds and we funded the neutering of parent animals whenever we collected puppies.

Our other community services were limited due to Covid restrictions.

Fundraising
Dog Shows – These are well supported. We have five Fun Dog Shows each raising between £4,000 - £6,000. Our regular Maghull Stall raises around £7,000 a year. Our Grand Sales at Lydiate raise from £600+ each event.

Staff

We are very fortunate to have loyal staff, committed to the work we do. We recognise the need to recruit more staff and realise the impact on pay roll especially due to new living wage. We employ 16 members of staff: full time and part time.

Meet the Staff, friends and carers to all the dogs and other animals.

Cathy is our veterinary officer and site manager. She came to us as a young volunteer and has been with us 24 years, living on site, taking care of all that's needed to keep the sanctuary efficient. Cathy cares for all the mums and pups at night and those sick or recovering from operations. She checks that every dog is safe and well, giving out tasty close down treats, sausage or paste butty and say goodnight at 8.30pm at close down.

Caroline has been with us 24 years. She is our valuable Administrator, Fundraiser and Farm manager, looking after the sheep, rabbits & all our farmyard feathered friends. She also prepares the newsletter and all our publicity. Caroline ensures that all the forms for dog intakes are responded to and highlights the urgent cases for Fran, Trustee to deal with.

Laura, our kennel manager has dedicated 15yrs looking after the dogs, promoting them and special buddy to the two Bright Eyes sponsorship dogs, Lexie and Humphrey.

Kate, our super cattery manager has been with us 8 yrs. Firstly as a volunteer then as Cattery manager, she works tirelessly to keep the cats happy and healthy and also to find them homes and responds to all the calls for help. She deals with the sick and injured and all the vet duties. Kate then goes home to a houseful of foster cats and kittens her work never ends.

Karen has been with us 11 yrs, loyally working in the cattery and caring for all the cats and kittens daily welfare needs. Karen ensures everywhere is spic & span and looking good. She brings in little Maggie her adorable dog who is friends with all the cats.

Connor, assistant manager, he came to us as a trainee and has been an important member of the team for 11yrs is an amazing dog handler, gentle and compassionate. Angela has been with us 8yrs and has devoted her time to some of the more challenging dogs like Sidney, the bull terrier, whose life was enriched by Angela who often took him home.

Sean and Jack, our trusted and experienced dog handlers. They have cared for the dog's loyally and with compassion for 6 year with Jack also doing assessments

Charlotte has been working with us on and off for 7yrs. She is the main
assessment officer, she provides vital training to the challenging dogs like Tess, and many others that would not have the chance of a home. It's because of the
dedication that Charlotte has to improving the manners and behaviour of such dogs, that they have the chance of a good future.

Aaron, Peter, Mia, Rowan and Sophie are vital newer member of the Friendship Team some working part time, they provide the day to day extra care that the dogs. Rowan also provides valuable help with the farm animals. Julie with us from the beginning, now works daily caring for the dogs & doing the laundry.

Jenny has been with us 4yrs. As well as using her skills and kind approach towards the Sanctuary dogs, she is the manager of our Moss Cottage Retreat boarding kennels and is loved and respected by the dogs and their owners.

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which enables the charity to continue with its ongoing activities. Over 80% of the Charity's income is voluntary income. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The Trustees have set a level for general funds of £600,000 which equates to approximately twelve months of costs.

There are currently £450,882 of unrestricted reserves excluding restricted and designated reserves

The charity received income of £919,253 (2021: £985,187) during the year. The expenditure in the year totalled £600,477 (2021: £516,563) which resulted in a surplus for the year of £318,776 (2021: £468,624) contributing to help build reserves.

Subsidiary Company

Significant funds have been invested, by way of a loan to our wholly owned subsidiary Trading Company. The Trading Company operates a commercial Boarding Kennel business which generates profits for donating back to the Charity.

The Subsidiary Company ran a dog kennel business but ceased trading due to Covid restrictions. The Charity are proposing to sell the property relating to the Subsidiary. There were no profits during the year to contribute to the Charity income. The net assets of the Subsidiary Company are not material.

The charity has a small balance of investments, being cash held on deposit which helps provide a better return than the interest rate available at present.

Plans for future periods

Although we have a core team of dedicated people, we urgently need new trustees or helpers just for specific tasks. We need extra Trustees who are responsible for specific areas and duties.

The next project is a total redesign and refurb of the cattery then the farm area, including the rabbit pens.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee , as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs A Lea	(Resigned 1 April 2022)
Miss M I Brady	
Mrs F A Ellis	
Ms J L McGee	(Appointed 22 May 2021)
Ms J K Randall	(Appointed 2 February 2022 and resigned 25 August 2022)

Training
General training, H & S and specific dog handling is ongoing.

Our HR and Health and Safety is managed by Peninsular. They update us regularly with current regulations and notify us of any changes. They also provide an assessor to check the Health and Safety procedures.

We continue to train staff, with new and appropriate methods, to enable safe interaction with the animals they care for. General health and safety training is essential and is given priority.

It is important to recognise the special needs of specific dogs. Our own onsite training cannot always address the problems that some of the dogs' exhibit. We seek the help of specialists and experts in rehabilitation and sometimes dogs enter residential care. Training has become a very big issue, due to many dogs lacking in social interactions when they come to us. This is becoming very costly; however, corners cannot be cut. We have a duty of care to public safety. We are hoping to apply for grants for training costs. New procedures have been put in place for staff handling dogs, particularly for apprentices and trainees.

Volunteers
We have started to recruit new volunteers and are inviting people to come along for inductions and training.

Acknowledgements
Pets At Home Foundation
Pets At Home
Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust
The Gallimore Trust
Cats Protection

All the Facebook Friends, Enthuse (formerly Charity Checkout), Paypal and Go Fund Me donators

Colin Thomson, our bookkeeper

Peter Buck from Champion Accountants

Sanctuary volunteers - Joe Ferber our Handyman, , Bob, Jimmy, Kay and Shirley for all their help at the Sanctuary
Chris Foss and the Formby shop volunteers
The Maghull Stall team
The Dog Show Helpers
Ray the Bee man for taking care of the bees,
Austin and Allison and all the team from Barn Lodge Vets, Ribble Vets and all the other vets that have helped with our animals
Norma & Ken Richardson
The cake bakers and the craft makers
Hilary for caring for our donkeys in all weather, all year
Our wonderful staff for always being there for the animals, well into the night.
Our trustee Margaret Brady and Judy for caring for all the cats when we don't have room at the Sanctuary.
Helen and Bob Smyth
Shylowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary for their care of the ponies
To countless others who have donated, far too many to mention here.

Please read the attached newsletter (at back of Accounts) for an insight into the work we do and the many lives saved.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mrs F A Ellis
Trustee

Date: 20th Jan 2023

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Carla Lane Animals In Need (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of FCA, DChA, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

P Buck FCA, DChA
Champion TLL Limited

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Dated: 23.01.2023

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	668,848	862,795
Charitable activities	3	127,454	77,312
Other trading activities	4	76,619	30,557
Investments	5	34,670	7,800
Other income	6	11,662	6,723
Total income		919,253	985,187
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	7	27,570	27,305
Charitable activities	8	572,907	489,258
Total expenditure		600,477	516,563
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		318,776	468,624
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		2,103,896	1,635,272
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		2,422,672	2,103,896

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		1,972,290		1,492,978
Investments	14		100		100
			1,972,390		1,493,078
Current assets					
Debtors	15	485,218		429,616	
Cash at bank and in hand		285,348		541,941	
		770,566		971,557	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(23,274)		(51,274)	
Net current assets			747,292		920,283
Total assets less current liabilities			2,719,682		2,413,361
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(297,010)		(309,465)
Net assets			2,422,672		2,103,896
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds - general					
Designated funds	19	1,972,290		1,992,978	
General unrestricted funds		450,382		110,918	
			2,422,672		2,103,896
			2,422,672		2,103,896

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

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 March 2022.

The director acknowledges her responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20th Jan 2023.

M. Brady

Miss M I Brady
Trustee

Mrs F A Ellis
Trustee

Company registration number 02314427

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	21		243,615		459,433
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(522,423)		-	
Investment income received		34,670		7,800	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(487,753)		7,800
Financing activities					
Repayment of bank loans		(12,455)		(11,149)	
Net cash used in financing activities			(12,455)		(11,149)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(256,593)		456,084
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			541,941		85,857
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			285,348		541,941

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Carla Lane Animals In Need is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Fir Tree Animal Sanctuary, 3 Spurriers Lane, Prescott Road, Liverpool, Merseyside, L31 1BA.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that are set aside for specific future expenditure.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 **Accounting policies** **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Direct charitable costs are allocated to the Charity's main activity heading.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Plant and equipment	25% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1 **Accounting policies** **(Continued)**

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 **Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Donations and gifts	409,540	489,340
Legacies receivable	166,156	220,937
Grants	64,152	137,518
Donated goods and services	15,000	15,000
Donations from Subsidiary	14,000	-
	668,848	862,795
Grants receivable for core activities		
Council grant	2,667	16,430
JRS grant	61,485	118,588
Other	-	2,500
	64,152	137,518

3 **Charitable activities**

	Welfare services for animals 2022 £	Welfare services for animals 2021 £
Adoption and re-homing income	127,454	77,312

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Fundraising events	138	4,454
Shop income	76,481	26,103
Other trading activities	76,619	30,557

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Rental income	34,670	7,800

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Commision received	11,662	6,723

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Other fundraising costs	4,901	6,516
Trading costs		
Operating charity shops	22,669	20,789
	27,570	27,305

8 Charitable activities

	Welfare services for animals 2022	Welfare services for animals 2021
	£	£
Staff costs	290,642	262,632
Depreciation and impairment	43,111	32,438
Insurance	7,247	6,115
Light and heat	18,620	17,820
Telephone	5,736	5,587
Sundries	1,081	845
Animal care and foodstuffs	28,213	29,920
Motor expenses	12,051	8,262
Veterinary fees	66,937	58,221
Repairs and renewals	26,047	13,565
Notional costs of donated goods	15,000	15,000
Staff training	2,258	3,750
Bank loan interest	17,647	19,500
Bank charges	4,158	2,540
	538,748	476,195
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	34,159	13,063
	572,907	489,258

10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	
Independent examination fees	-	4,200	4,200	Governance
Legal and professional	-	9,843	9,843	Governance
Bookkeeping	-	4,116	4,116	Governance
Trustees expenses	-	16,000	16,000	Governance
	-	34,159	34,159	
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	-	34,159	34,159	

11 Trustees

Trustees expenses amounted to £16,000 (2020; £Nil)

All expenses were donated back to the charity in full.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
	16	16

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	272,653	249,008
Social security costs	14,358	10,817
Other pension costs	3,631	2,807
	290,642	262,632

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	1,653,865	9,888	10,400	1,674,153
Additions	520,623	-	1,800	522,423
At 31 March 2022	2,174,488	9,888	12,200	2,196,576
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2021	163,165	8,823	9,187	181,175
Depreciation charged in the year	42,090	267	754	43,111
At 31 March 2022	205,255	9,090	9,941	224,286
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2022	1,969,233	798	2,259	1,972,290
At 31 March 2021	1,490,700	1,065	1,213	1,492,978

14 Fixed asset investments

14 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2021 & 31 March 2022	100
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	100
At 31 March 2021	100

Share capital of £100 (subsidiary) is included at cost.

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The Subsidiary Company ran a dog kennel business but ceased trading due to Covid restrictions. The Charity are proposing to sell the property relating to the Subsidiary. There were no donations during the year to contribute to the Charity income. The net assets of the Subsidiary Company are not material.

Since the year end the subsidiary company has been sold.

15 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	30,760	-
Other debtors	134,355	109,570
Prepayments and accrued income	1,724	1,667
	166,839	111,237

Amounts falling due after more than one year:	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	318,379	318,379
Total debtors	485,218	429,616

16 Loans and overdrafts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans	308,510	320,965
Payable within one year	11,500	11,500
Payable after one year	297,010	309,465

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Bank loans	16	11,500	11,500
Other taxation and social security		4,224	4,202
Other creditors		-	32,000
Accruals and deferred income		7,550	3,572
		23,274	51,274

18 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Bank loans	16	297,010	309,465

19 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Movement in funds: Incoming resources	Balance at 1 April 2021	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Designated - fixed assets	1,492,978	-	1,492,978	(20,688)	500,000	1,972,290
Kennel/Cattery development	500,000	-	500,000	-	(500,000)	-
	1,992,978	-	1,992,978	(20,688)	-	1,972,290

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

Carla lane Animals in Need is the Parent Charity to Carla Lane Trading Limited. During the year the Charity used the Company's facilities for boarding of animals . At the end of the year the Trading Company owed the Charity £349,139 (2021: £350,879). Since the year end the Subsidiary's assets have been sold.

21 Cash generated from operations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Surplus for the year	318,776	468,623
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(34,670)	(7,800)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	43,111	32,438
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(55,602)	(31,927)
(Decrease) in creditors	(28,000)	(1,901)
Cash generated from operations	243,615	459,433

22 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2021	Cash flows	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	541,941	(256,593)	285,348
Loans falling due within one year	(11,500)	-	(11,500)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(309,465)	12,455	(297,010)
	220,976	(244,138)	(23,162)

Carla Lane Animals In Need

England & Wales - Charity number 1031342

Accounts

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

FOR

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

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CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

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CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

1. For the benefit of the public, the advancement of animal welfare through promotion of kindness and the prevention of cruelty to animals in particular by providing or assisting in the provision of food, shelter and veterinary treatment for animals which are in need of care and protection.

2. The provision of neutering, education, and advocacy services to other animal carers and owners in furthering the welfare of animals.

3. To advance the education of the public in and to carry out research including the need, natural behaviour, habits and lifestyle of animals, and the proper care of all domestic animals and make public the useful result of such research.

The Charity's function is to Rescue, Rehabilitate and Rehome animals. Also, to work in the community giving support. We are committed to the welfare and well-being of all animals especially those neglected, abused and abandoned. In doing so we are helping members of the public with pet related problems and issues. We provide a much-needed service by ensuring that new owners are given the correct guidance and advice needed when choosing a companion animal. We network with other organisations for the benefit of the animals, sharing knowledge and expertise.

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charities Commission on public benefit and are content that the Charity has met these conditions, as described below.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance
Charitable activities

Carla Lane Animals In Need has for many years been the first port of call, for the members of the public and authorities seeking help with pet related problems. We have increased our services significantly, in particularly our ability to rescue and rehome dogs. This is due to the substantial refurbishment of our kennel block which opened in July 2019. It came at a great cost and we had to increase our fundraising activities to raise the £500k which was required for the renovation.

We are known as a safe place for many rejected, abandoned animals and traumatised dogs from the pound, that are often facing their 'last walk'. They come to us into quiet spacious kennels to recover, from the terrible experiences they have suffered. At the Sanctuary, we make plans for all the animals that we know will need our help. We have to feed the animals, heat the sanctuary and pay the vet bills. It all comes at a cost. The animals come to us for many reasons, some genuine, mostly because of the unkindness or thoughtlessness of humankind.

We see so much suffering, but we also experience the immeasurable joy of seeing an animal regain health and confidence and go on to a loving home. We are fortunate to have the amazing support from many kind people. It is this that inspires us to continue our work in the community. We pride ourselves in helping the animals and those people involved with them.

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Achievements and performances during the year

Our main recent achievements last year included finding homes for over 400 dog, 200 cats, 54 rabbits and farm animals in spite of the impact of Covid. We successfully devised a way of fundraising by using our Facebook page. We held raffles, auctions, virtual events and online book sales. This enabled us to pay our vet bills, which were substantial, as well as wages and other bills. Our usual fundraising methods, fun dog shows, shop, stalls and street collections were no longer viable.

Having our brand-new dog unit up and running really helped us through the difficult time. Seeing the dogs enjoying such comfort and enriched environment was a definite moral boost for us.

We ran our own pet foodbank service for pets in need. We transported food that was surplus to our requirements to other rescues, near and far. We networked with local food banks to provide pet food. There was a huge demand for this due to the impact of Covid.

We continued to help the most vulnerable animals that were requiring surgery and special veterinary care as well as supporting owners who were experiencing low income due to the pandemic. We gave assistance to help their pets.
We managed to save funds to put aside for our planned new cattery.

We think our biggest achievement is that not only have we survived, but we have also adapted to ensure our future and the future of the animals that need us.

It is our 30th Anniversary this year and over the years we have saved and rehomed many 1000s of animals and will continue to do so.

Moss Cottage Retreat and Warren Farm Boarding Kennels
Boarding has suffered immensely due to cancellation of holidays due to Covid.
We have only been able to open briefly at Warren Farm and Moss Cottage Retreat kennels. This was a pity, as both facilities were fully booked for the main seasons and it would have been a bumper year.

The planning issue with Moss Cottage Retreat was resolved and full planning permission was given. We had historic planning permission from Knowsley Council and were given assurances by West Lancashire, that no further planning was needed. In view of the noise complaints from one neighbouring farm, we had to submit a retrospective planning application. This was subsequently approved after submission of a noise report and some noise containment improvements.

We have had some flooding issues around Moss Cottage Retreat and had to engage an agricultural drain expert to assist with this. It has yet to be resolved.

We are very surprised that the flooding risk wasn't picked up on the survey that was completed by The Charity Bank chosen surveyor.

We are now told by neighbours, that the Cottage has always had this problem and it is obvious when the floorboards are lifted as the old rising water levels can be seen.

Moss Cottage Retreat is proving to be a very desirable boarding unit due to the high-grade facilities.

Both Warren Farm and Moss Cottage are fully licensed up to date and fully insured. Many improvements have been undertaken at Warren Farm kennels, roofing and tiling and to the attached bungalows, which continue to bring in an income of £1,270 a month. Moss Cottage brings in a rent of £500 a month. We are also fortunate that all the tenants undertake regular voluntary work.

Staff
We have managed to retain and support our staff during this difficult period and made use of the Government furlough scheme.

All boarding staff were furloughed as no work was available.

We continue to run the sanctuary and care for the animals but have still had to furlough a number of staff, keeping those essential for handling dogs safely and other keyworkers.
Most staff have been brought back on the part time Furlough scheme and we hope to have all back by the end of March 2021.

We will have to consider contracts that are up for renewal, and we may have to lose 2 or 3 members of staff, due to the boarding business being very uncertain this year.

Full Covid compliance has been in place from the beginning, with gel stands, facemasks in use and social distancing.

We have had three members of staff contract Covid at different times. However, none were in contact with other staff, so transmission was avoided.

At this time, we employed 15 members of staff in total. 2 members of staff for the cattery, 9 kennel staff and 2 apprentices, the kennel manager, an animal ambulance driver, farm manager/fundraising administrator and a part time admin assistant.

We are aware that we need to employ extra help in the cattery and farm. Our donkeys are out at grazing and are cared for daily by a dedicated volunteer. Our 2 ponies. Merlin and Merrylegs, are at grazing at the home of one of our Trustees. Over 150 animals, hens, rabbits, goat, sheep and 50+ cats, kittens and 40 dogs are cared for each day. We accept that funds will need to be made available to employ staff and to ensure staff are paid appropriately in line with the National Living Wage.

We recognise it is important to have the correct ratio of staff to animals for welfare reasons, in particular when handling large dogs in need of specific training.

Training
Our HR and Health and Safety is managed by Peninsular. They update us regularly with current regulations and notify us of any changes. They also provide an assessor to check the Health and Safety procedures.

We continue to train staff, with new and appropriate methods, to enable safe interaction with the animals they care for. General health and safety training is essential and is given priority.

It is important to recognise the special needs of specific dogs. Our own onsite training cannot always address the problems that some of the dogs' exhibit. We seek the help of specialists and experts in rehabilitation and sometimes dogs enter residential care. Training has become a very big issue, due to many dogs lacking in social interactions when they come to us. This is becoming very costly; however, corners cannot be cut. We have a duty of care to public safety. We are hoping to apply for grants for training costs. New procedures have been put in place for staff handling dogs, particularly for apprentices and trainees.

Shop and Events
We had to close the charity shop in March 2020, resulting in a loss of over £5000 per month. We were able to open briefly from end of July up to Christmas. We owe a lot to the volunteers who run the shop. They stepped up to help and raise much needed funds.

Street collections, stalls, and all our regular attic sales and public events did not go ahead, resulting in a loss of over £50,000. We had to continue to pay the quarterly rent on the shop £4,500, for the entire period. However, on signing the new lease were given a rent-free period, from January to end of March 2021. Our annual five big dog show events were also cancelled, another loss of around £20,000. We lost all the regular donations we get from visitors putting a donation in the box at the Sanctuary.

The shop will continue to be one of the main sources of income when Covid regulations are lifted. The shop was closed in accordance with lockdown regulations then intermittingly once restrictions allowed. The shop raised £26,106.

Volunteer manager Chris Foss will continue to manage the shop. We will need to recruit new volunteers to add to our existing volunteer base.

Animal Welfare
In line with the guidelines of ADCH (Association of Dog and Cat Homes) of which we are a member, we have been unable to operate in the usual manner due to Covid regulations, when rehoming animals.

Visitors are not allowed to come to the sanctuary to view an animal for adoption, nor are they able to bring an animal to the sanctuary for rehoming.

We have had to move to a new way of moving animals to and from the sanctuary. We are again using Facebook as a tool, to help us with the process.

Animals ready for homes are posted. People apply by completing an online form or by calling the sanctuary if they need assistance.
We then arrange a Zoom meeting, after carefully considering the compatibility of animal and adopter.

If all goes well, we take the animal to the new home ensuring meetings take place outside for the main introduction. All Covid guidelines are strictly adhered to.

This process is time consuming. However, it has always been our policy to deliver all animals to homes and do thorough checks and we continue to do this. We have rehomed 658 dogs cats and other animals during very trying times, saving many lives.

Our Animal Welfare Officer goes out to collect animals at risk.

We take animals in from the local veterinary practices, Social Services, hospital referrals, local authorities, councils and dog wardens, as well as directly from owners.

Covid has greatly impacted on the animals and people needing help.

We have had many pets from people who have lost their jobs and homes, through ill health and bereavement. We dealt with many sad cases and this does affect the staff and Trustees emotionally.

Many animals come to us in a very sad state when people have not been able to afford veterinary care or proper food.

This has had an impact on our vet bills, as we have had to cover the costs of operations and ongoing care to restore animals to good health.

Our vet continued to hold a surgery at the sanctuary for our animals and offered continuous support during the pandemic at the two surgeries we frequent.

Our helplines are open every day of the week and emergency contact is also available.

Financially, we are in a stable position and have reserves in place to see us through. However, we remain vigilant and continue to look for new ways to raise funds and economise. We recognise the importance of reserves and are legally bound to have 3 months.

Cat Outwork
Cat outwork was limited due to Covid and the availability of veterinary care to neuter.

Trustee, Margaret Brady, remains responsible for cat outwork, putting in many hours each week.

The number of cats requiring rehoming still far outweighs the capacity of the charity to help. This reflects the social conditions of the times and also lack of neutering, despite the widespread schemes funded by the Cats Protection, and the fact that 90% of Merseyside veterinary practices participate.

The cat outwork is based at a farm near to the Sanctuary. Here there is a refuge for free-range feral cats, rescued from appalling conditions which cannot be returned.

Homes are difficult to find for ferals and this means there is an aging population of animals needing vet treatment, e.g. dental care.

Carla Lane Animals In Need is part of the advocacy scheme organised by the Cats Protection. Virtual meeting were held 3-4 times during the year. About eight local charities are represented ranging from lone participants to the large nationals, like the PDSA. The Cats Protection are running schemes in the needy areas of Liverpool, Everton, Anfield, Walton whereby a door to door survey yields cat numbers and local residents willing to participate.

Carla Lane Animals In Need receives £5,000 per year from Cats Protection and matches this amount from Gift Aid on food donations. This provides routine worming, defleaing etc, when feral or stray cats are neutered. The Cats Protection pays £40 per cat but only for the neuter. Additional fundraising is via Facebook appeals if a cat needs expensive surgery e.g. enucleation, amputation, entropion.

Legacies, Grants and Loans
We received some legacies during this financial year. We are expecting a number of legacies in the coming year.

We did receive The Gallimore Trust and Miss Maria Susan Rickard

We did receive small grants for running costs and to assist our work with Bull Breeds.

We received some Government grants towards our boarding kennels and shop in accordance with Covid guidelines.

Donations
Many donations came through Facebook, Enthuse also from owners of animals we helped/rehomed and appeals.

Specialists
We feel that we ought to mention the assistance given by Colin Thomson our bookkeeper and Peter Buck of TLL accountants for help and advice throughout the year. Also, Austin, Allison and the team from Barn Lodge Veterinary Surgery. Dog trainers Danny Well and Joy Keys.

Facebook and Social Media
Special thanks to retired Trustee, Tracey Hillon, who set up the original Facebook page. She continued to give tremendous support for Facebook fundraising, auctions, book sales and general sales. She raised £1,000s. She did this alongside of fostering cats and kitten, and promoting them on Facebook to seek homes.

Facebook, social media is a main source of fundraising and has been invaluable especially during Covid. Virtual events such as auctions, raffles and sales will feature largely in the next financial year. Our followers at 31st March were approaching 70,000. It is a forum for promoting our dogs and cats as well as supplying and receiving information from many sources. Without the help of our staff, working in their own time and putting in many hours a night, we would not be able to run our Facebook page.

Community Work
We have been chosen as community partners by our local Pets At Home in Burscough. We are active in the community assisting with pets and problems, giving advice on dog training and general animal care. We are highly regarded in the community; we receive donations and pet food on a daily basis. If we had to put a price on this it would be approaching £30,000 a year in goods and donations.

We also ran our own community food bank, delivering food to other rescue centres throughout the country and also to local people who were suffering shortages due to Covid. As part of the Cats Protection Advocacy scheme we were involved in arranging neutering for cats belonging to people with limited funds. We offered a neuter and return service. There was no charge for this.

We continued wo assist with neutering Bull Breeds and we funded the neutering of parent animals whenever we collected puppies.

Our other community services were limited due to Covid restrictions.

Volunteers
We put new volunteer inductions on hold during Covid. We allowed our previous volunteers to come and help walk the dog.

Fundraising activities
We were unable to enlist the help of our usual volunteers due to Covid.

Our main fundraisers, the dog shows, shop, stalls and street collections were no longer viable.

We devised new ways to fundraise using online forums, social media. Facebook played a huge role in raising funds. We substantially increased our followers to over 70,000 and this enabled us to run very successful auctions, raffles and virtual events. We are extremely fortunate to have supporters who stepped up to help by donating items for sale, animal food and equipment. They responded to our appeals towards vet bills, for animals that needed operations and emergency care. We managed to make up for much of the fundraising losses and took part in The Big Give, raising £24,000. Our staff have been amazing working often in their own time to help raise funds.

We were concerned that we would lose the goodwill of the regular visitors to the sanctuary, due to Covid regulations, however food donation poured in from our Amazon Wishlist with deliveries arriving daily. The Trustees, our staff and our supporter's rose to the challenge and adapted but not without encountering all the difficulties that come with the Covid pandemic.

Financial review
Investment policy and objectives
The charity has a small balance of investments, being cash held on deposit which helps provide a better return than the interest rate available at present.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which enables the charity to continue with its ongoing activities. Over 80% of the Charity's income is voluntary income. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The Trustees have set a level for general funds of £150,000 which equates to approximately four months of costs.

There are currently £110,918 of unrestricted reserves excluding restricted and designated reserves

The charity received income of £985,185 (2020: £686,380) during the year. The expenditure in the year totalled £516,561 (2020: £522,071) which resulted in a surplus for the year of £468,624 (2020: £164,309) contributing to help build reserves up towards the target level.

Subsidiary Company

Significant funds have been invested, by way of a loan to our wholly owned subsidiary Trading Company. The Trading Company operates a commercial Boarding Kennel business which generates profits for donating back to the Charity.

The Subsidiary Company ran a dog kennel business but ceased trading due to Covid restrictions. The Charity are proposing to sell the property relating to the Subsidiary. There were no profits during the year to contribute to the Charity income. The net assets of the Subsidiary Company are not material.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Future plans

General comments and future plans

Although we have a core team of dedicated people, we urgently need new trustees or helpers just for specific tasks. we are pleased to welcome two new trustees since the year end.

The next project is a total redesign and refurb of the cattery and farm area, including the rabbit pens.

Impact of Covid

Due to the Covid regulations, we were forced to close on the 23th March 2020, to comply with lockdown procedures. This affected both boarding kennels and reflected heavily on the takings for this year.

We opened when safe to do. We had an 'appointment only' system to view the animals. Our fundraising was virtual on Facebook. Street collections and stalls were not an option. Our improvement plans for the cattery were postponed. Our shop was closed.

Health and Safety regulations were applied, and appropriate notices, PPE, barriers and cleansing stations were put in plb av cc. This enabled us to allow the public in to view the animals and drop off donations.

Acknowledgements

Support Adoption For Pets
Pets At Home
Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust
Miss Maria Susan Rickard Trust
The Gallimore Trust
Cats Protection

All the Facebook Friends, Enthuse (formerly Charity Checkout), Paypal and Go Fund Me donators
Colin Thomson, our bookkeeper
Peter Buck from Champion TLL Limited
Sharon and the Merseyside Beagle Club
Sanctuary volunteers - Joe Ferber our Handyman, Yvonne, Bob, Jimmy, Kay, Shirley, Kim, Julie and Jill for all their help at the Sanctuary
Chris Foss and the Formby shop volunteers
The Maghull Stall team
The Dog Show Helpers
Ray the Bee man for taking care of the bees,
Netty at Groomingdales Dog Groomers
Austin and Allison and all the team from Barn Lodge Vets, Ribble Vets and all the other vets that have helped with our animals
Norma & Ken Richardson
The cake bakers and the craft makers
Hilary for caring for our donkeys in all weather, all year
Our wonderful staff for always being there for the animals, well into the night.
Our trustee Margaret Brady, Judy for caring for all the cats when we don't have room at the Sanctuary.
Helen and Bob Smyth
Shylowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary for their care of the ponies
Betty Black and Mary Lane, Pauline Robson for generous donations throughout the year
To countless others who have donated, far too many to mention here.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02314427 (England and Wales)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Registered Charity number
1031342

Registered office
Fir Tree Animal Sanctuary
3 Spurriers Lane
Prescott Road
Liverpool
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Trustees
Miss M Brady
Mrs FA Ellis
Mrs A Lea
Mrs J McGee (appointed 22.5.2021)
Miss J Randall (appointed 2.2.2022)

Company Secretary
Mrs A Lea

Independent Examiner
P Buck
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Champion TLL Limited
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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 20/5/2022 and signed on the board's behalf by:

FA Ellis

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Mrs FA Ellis - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Carla Lane Animals In Need ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FCA, DChA which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 20/3/2022

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	862,793	-	862,793	453,690
Charitable activities	5				
Welfare services for animals		77,312	-	77,312	81,563
Other trading activities	3	37,280	-	37,280	130,125
Investment income	4	7,800	-	7,800	21,002
Total		985,185	-	985,185	686,380
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	27,305	-	27,305	22,027
Charitable activities	7				
Welfare services for animals		489,256	-	489,256	500,044
Total		516,561	-	516,561	522,071
NET INCOME		468,624	-	468,624	164,309
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,635,272	-	1,635,272	1,470,963
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		2,103,896	-	2,103,896	1,635,272

The notes form part of these financial statements

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

BALANCE SHEET
31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	1,492,978	-	1,492,978	1,525,416
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	14	429,617	-	429,617	397,688
Investments	15	100	-	100	100
Cash at bank		541,940	-	541,940	85,857
		971,657	-	971,657	483,645
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(51,274)	-	(51,274)	(53,175)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		920,383	-	920,383	430,470
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,413,361	-	2,413,361	1,955,886
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(309,465)	-	(309,465)	(320,614)
NET ASSETS		2,103,896	-	2,103,896	1,635,272
FUNDS	19				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				110,918	109,856
Designated - Fixed assets				1,492,978	1,525,416
Kennel/Cattery Development				500,000	-
				2,103,896	1,635,272
TOTAL FUNDS				2,103,896	1,635,272

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31ST MARCH 2021

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....20/3/22..... and were signed on its behalf by:

FA Ellis - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	489,272	239,315
Interest paid		(22,040)	(21,642)
Net cash provided by operating activities		467,232	217,673
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(193,668)
Interest received		-	4,782
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		-	(188,886)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(11,149)	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		(11,149)	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		456,083	28,787
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		85,857	57,070
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		541,940	85,857

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	468,624	164,309
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	32,438	32,691
Interest received	-	(4,782)
Interest paid	22,040	21,642
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(31,929)	24,066
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,901)	1,389
Net cash provided by operations	489,272	239,315

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET (DEBT)/FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Cash flow	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	85,857	456,083	541,940
	85,857	456,083	541,940
Liquid resources			
Deposits included in cash	-	-	-
Current asset investments	100	-	100
	100	-	100
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(11,500)	-	(11,500)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(320,614)	11,149	(309,465)
	(332,114)	11,149	(320,965)
Total	(246,157)	467,232	221,075

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
Since almost all of the Charity's costs relate to direct charitable activities (fund raising costs are negligible) it is not necessary to allocate costs separately as support costs (apart from governance costs) as they would nearly all be allocated back to direct charitable expenses. Direct charitable costs are allocated to the Charity's three main activity headings based on time spent in each area, consistent with earlier years.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible assets for use by the Charity are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor Vehicles:	25% on cost
Plant and Machinery:	25% on cost
Freehold Property :	2% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that are set aside for specific future expenditure.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Consolidation
The accounts of the subsidiary have not been consolidated since the group is exempt from consolidation as the combined income of the group is under 1million.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Consolidation

The results of the subsidiary are summarised in a note to the accounts.

Cost of generating funds
Fund raising expenditure comprises costs incurred in encouraging people and organisations to contribute financially to the Charity's work. The trading costs relate to the running costs on a Charity Shop.

Governance
Expenditure on management and administration of the Charity includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity or fund raising ventures. This includes bookkeeping, audit fees and other miscellaneous administration costs.

Fixed asset Investments
Fixed asset investments are included in the accounts at their market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

The subsidiary company is shown is shown at cost not Market value

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	423,147	363,806
Gift aid	66,191	23,051
Legacies	220,937	8,000
Grants	2,500	20,833
Donations in kind	15,000	28,000
Covid Grant	16,430	10,000
JRS Grant	118,588	-
	862,793	453,690

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Sainsbury's Charity Trust	-	15,000
Battersea Dogs Trust	-	5,000
Gallimore Trust	-	500
Mazars Charitable Trust	-	333
Rickard	2,000	-
Galimore Staffie	500	-
	2,500	20,833

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fundraising events	4,454	39,513
Shop income	26,103	65,190
Profits donated from subsidiary	-	17,393
Commission received	6,723	8,029
	37,280	130,125

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Rents received	7,800	16,220
Interest on Loan	-	4,782
	7,800	21,002

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2021	2020
		£	£
Adoption and re-homing income	Welfare services for animals	77,312	81,563

6. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Shop rent, rates and insurance	20,789	16,550
Postage, stationery and advertising	6,516	5,477
	27,305	22,027

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Welfare services for animals	476,194	13,062	489,256

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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS - continued

Direct Charitable Expenses

	AnimalWelfare	AnimalOut work	Education and Networking	Total
Wages and salaries	231,116	26,263	5,253	262,632
Heat and light	15,683	1,781	356	17,820
Telephone	4,916	559	112	5,587
Repairs and maintenance	11,937	1,357	271	13,565
Staff training	3,300	375	75	3,750
Vehicle expenses and insurance	7,271	826	165	8,262
Vet fees and pharmaceuticals	51,233	5,824	1,164	58,221
Animal care and foodstuffs	26,330	2,992	598	29,920
Insurance	5,380	612	122	6,114
Bank charges	2,235	254	51	2,540
Bank loan interest	17,160	1,950	390	19,500
Sundry expenses	744	84	17	845
Notional costs of donated goods	13,200	1,500	300	15,000
Depreciation - motor vehicles	355	42	8	405
Depreciation - buildings	27,878	3,166	634	31,678
Depreciation - plant and machinery	313	36	6	355
	419,051	**47,620**	**9,523**	**476,194**

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Welfare services for animals	13,062

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation - owned assets	32,438	32,691

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10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Trustees expenses amounted to £Nil (2020; £Nil)

All expenses were donated back to the charity.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	249,008	213,339
Social security costs	10,817	8,539
Other pension costs	2,807	2,436
	262,632	224,314

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Direct / Admin	16	16

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	398,190	55,500	453,690
Charitable activities			
Welfare services for animals	81,563	-	81,563
Other trading activities	130,125	-	130,125
Investment income	21,002	-	21,002
Total	630,880	55,500	686,380
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	22,027	-	22,027
Charitable activities			
Welfare services for animals	500,044	-	500,044
Total	522,071	-	522,071
NET INCOME	108,809	55,500	164,309

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Transfers between funds	55,500	(55,500)	-
Net movement in funds	164,309	-	164,309
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,470,963	-	1,470,963
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,635,272	-	1,635,272

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021	1,653,866	9,888	10,400	1,674,154
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st April 2020	131,488	8,468	8,782	148,738
Charge for year	31,678	355	405	32,438
At 31st March 2021	163,166	8,823	9,187	181,176
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 2021	1,490,700	1,065	1,213	1,492,978
At 31st March 2020	1,522,378	1,420	1,618	1,525,416

Freehold land and buildings includes land at cost of £70,000 (2020: £70,000) which has not been depreciated.

14. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	77,071	42,969
Loan to trading company	32,500	32,500
Prepayments and accrued income	1,667	1,440
	111,238	76,909
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Loans to trading company	148,464	148,464
Inter company	169,915	172,315
Aggregate amounts	429,617	397,688

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15. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unlisted investments	100	100

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 18)	11,500	11,500
Social security and other taxes	4,202	3,065
Other creditors	32,000	35,000
Accrued expenses	3,572	3,610
	51,274	53,175

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 18)	309,465	320,614

18. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	11,500	11,500
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	11,500	11,500
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	34,500	34,500
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	263,465	274,614

The loan to the Charity Bank is secured on property of the charity.

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	109,856	501,062	(500,000)	110,918
Designated - Fixed assets	1,525,416	(32,438)	-	1,492,978
Kennel/Cattery Development	-	-	500,000	500,000
	1,635,272	468,624	-	2,103,896
TOTAL FUNDS	1,635,272	468,624	-	2,103,896

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	985,185	(484,123)	501,062
Designated - Fixed assets	-	(32,438)	(32,438)
	985,185	(516,561)	468,624
TOTAL FUNDS	985,185	(516,561)	468,624

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	106,524	108,809	(105,477)	109,856
Designated - Fixed assets	1,364,439	-	160,977	1,525,416
	1,470,963	108,809	55,500	1,635,272
Restricted funds				
Restricted	-	55,500	(55,500)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	1,470,963	164,309	-	1,635,272

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	630,880	(522,071)	108,809
Restricted funds			
Restricted	55,500	-	55,500
TOTAL FUNDS	686,380	(522,071)	164,309

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	106,524	609,871	(605,477)	110,918
Designated - Fixed assets	1,364,439	(32,438)	160,977	1,492,978
Kennel/Cattery Development	-	-	500,000	500,000
	1,470,963	577,433	55,500	2,103,896
Restricted funds				
Restricted	-	55,500	(55,500)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	1,470,963	632,933	-	2,103,896

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,616,065	(1,006,194)	609,871
Designated - Fixed assets	-	(32,438)	(32,438)
	1,616,065	(1,038,632)	577,433
Restricted funds			
Restricted	55,500	-	55,500
TOTAL FUNDS	1,671,565	(1,038,632)	632,933

As described in the Trustees' Report (Reserves Policy) the Trustees consider that the level of general funds required in order to maintain the operating existence of the charity for at least the medium term, should income streams reduce, should be £150,000 (this equating to approximately four months of running costs).

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The designated funds consist of £1,492,978 representing the net book value of fixed assets and £500,000 for the development of kennels and cattery expected in the coming year. This leaves net general funds of £110,918.

The transfers between unrestricted and unrestricted funds relate to amounts spent re capitalised kennel costs.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Carla lane Animals in Need is the Parent Charity to Carla Lane Trading Limited. During the year the Charity used the Company's facilities for boarding of animals which had a value of £2,400 recognised as income in the Trading Company. At the end of the year the Trading Company owed the Charity £350,879 (2020: £353,279). Since the year end the Subsidiary intends to sell it's property, no longer required and pay off the loan from the Charity.

21. INVESTMENTS

Share capital of £100 (subsidiary) is included at cost.

Significant funds have been invested, by way of a loan to our wholly owned subsidiary Trading Company. The Trading Company operates a commercial Boarding Kennel business which generates profits for donating back to the Charity.

The Subsidiary Company ran a dog kennel business but ceased trading due to Covid restrictions. The Charity are proposing to sell the property relating to the Subsidiary. There were no profits during the year to contribute to the Charity income. The net assets of the Subsidiary Company are not material.