

Carla Lane Animals In Need

Trustee Report 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

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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 bulles 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.

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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.



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 tonne 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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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 Bullies (all women)
- 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**

EXEMPTED XL BULLIES—LEGAL & LOVED

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 MICROCHIPPING

We spent over £5000!

Now we have started arranging neuters for XLs over 1yr old.

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.

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.

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 Kirby & our cat team.

SPECIAL VET PROCEDURES

SAVED IN TIME—THE UNWANTED & NEGLECTED

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

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.

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 Browns 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 auctions 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 Browns 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.

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 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

One piece of good news we can share, is the opening of our fully licenced, 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

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.

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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
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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**

Summer has arrived, finally!

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

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






Summer at the Sanctuary

Tracey, Garfield, Nala, Jammy Dodger, Leon, Tootsie, Sally, Barnaby

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2024

6th Oct—Autumn Fun Dog Show
25th Nov—24th Dec—Santa Paws Appeal at Burscough Pets At Home
1st Dec—Christmas Fun Dog Show
We will be looking for volunteers to help shake a bucket at Pets At Home and to help on the day at our Christmas Fun Dog Show. If you help, please contact Caroline on 0151 549 0959 or email—animals_inneed@hotmail.co.uk
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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 a 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 importance 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. Hi! 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.






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.**



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.






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EVENTS 2024/25

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 1st Dec—Christmas Fun Dog Show
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 June—Summer Dog Show Date TBC
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 5th Oct—Autumn Fun Dog Show
 7th Dec—Xmas Dog Show
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Merlin & Merrylegs

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



STORM, MANKI, JIMMY BOOGER, SPOT, ROSA, LUCY, HO HO HO! Lets fill these stockings. Mine first. Love Storm

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.



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



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.



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.



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.



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.




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.




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

★ 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 hutch 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.












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**.

★ 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. ★

IN LOVING MEMORY

Christmas greetings and grateful thanks to everyone who has supported us and helped us during 2024. **Peta 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 Hilson** 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, **Niki 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 with 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, **Rolo 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 Rogan**, 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 **Barriester 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 walks 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 Burfoot** and all the **West Lancs Dogs Digday Team** for giving their free time and hosting all our Fun Dog Shows. **Hazel** for creating beautiful hamper 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.**



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)

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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 it 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.

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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.

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Shop and Events

The shop remains a vital source of income. We are very lucky 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 to 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.

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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.

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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.

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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 do 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 deadlives 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.

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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 Lydiat 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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 be 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.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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.



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.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

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

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 an 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.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

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

P. Buck

Peter Buck FCA, DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Champion Accountants LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

7-9 Station Road

Hesketh Bank

Preston

Lancashire

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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

| | | Unrestricted funds general 2025 £ | Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £ | Total 2025 £ | Unrestricted funds general 2024 £ | Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £ | Total 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--|---|--------------------|--|---|--------------------|
| | Notes | | | | | | |
| 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 £ | £ | 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

FA 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 2025

| | Notes | 2025 £ | £ | 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 |

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 the 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 |
| | <u>922,359</u> | <u>741,596</u> |
| Grants receivable for core activities | | |
| Other | 3,270 | 2,527 |
| | <u>3,270</u> | <u>2,527</u> |

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 | <u>85,206</u> | <u>87,821</u> |

4 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted funds 2025 £ | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Welfare services for animals | | |
| Adoption and re-homing income | <u>171,600</u> | <u>201,071</u> |

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 |

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 |
| | <u>998,078</u> | <u>730,054</u> |
| Share of support and governance costs (see note 10) | | |
| Governance | 49,308 | 49,164 |
| | <u>1,047,386</u> | <u>779,218</u> |
| Analysis by fund | | |
| Unrestricted funds - general | <u>1,047,386</u> | <u>779,218</u> |

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 | <u>63,619</u> | <u>63,375</u> |

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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.

CARLA LANE ANIMALS IN NEED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 |

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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 |
| | <u>43,337</u> | <u>40,061</u> |

17 Retirement benefit schemes

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Defined contribution schemes | | |
| Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes | <u>6,638</u> | <u>3,603</u> |

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) | - |
| | <u>2,712,385</u> | <u>(5,676)</u> | <u>2,706,709</u> |
| 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 |
| | <u>3,005,491</u> | <u>(293,106)</u> | <u>2,712,385</u> |

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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 |
| | <u>937,433</u> | <u>2,706,709</u> | <u>3,644,142</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 |
| | <u>809,169</u> | <u>2,712,385</u> | <u>3,521,554</u> |

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 | <u>318,445</u> | <u>175,856</u> |

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.