

Annual Review 1st January – 31st December 2020

Trustees: Chair: Clara Colvin

Deputy Chair: Marilyn Dyson & Hon. Treasurer

Hon. Secretary: Sally Sampaio

Committee Members: No others

All of our Trustees served throughout 2020

Animal Aid & Advice North London is a registered Charity, Number 1039640, founded in 1971. The Charity's Aims and Objectives are the provision of care and shelter of stray, neglected and unwanted animals of all kinds. Most of our work currently involves rescuing stray, abandoned cats with some re-homing of unwanted ones. Some small mammals occasionally come into our care but 99% of our work involves cats. We also promote how to be a responsible pet owner and the importance of neutering which gives a better quality of life to pets. The Charity has a non-destruction policy.

To achieve these aims the Charity encourages and helps people to have their animals neutered and disseminates information on responsible pet ownership among the public.

The Management Committee comprises the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and up to four other Committee Members. All are Trustees of the Charity.

The Charity's bankers are: Barclays Bank PLC, PO Box 6549, Muswell Hill, London N10
NatWest Bank PLC, 190 Muswell Hill Broadway, London N10 3TF

There are no paid officials or staff and the group owns no premises. Elections of officers and committee members take place annually at the Annual General Meeting. Eligible outgoing members may stand for re-election. The Annual General Meeting is held within three months of the end of the financial year.

Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2020

All our Trustees agreed to carry on again to cause no disruption to the charity at these most trying times. Clara Colvin Chairman, Marilyn Dyson Deputy Chair, Sally Sampaio Hon. Secretary, Marilyn Dyson Hon. Treasurer

AGM Due to the Pandemic we were not able to hold an AGM. This review reflects the income and expenditure throughout 2020.

Our thanks are also extended to Accountants Amir Associates Ltd of 39 Braemar Avenue, Wood Green, London N22 7BY for their work in examining the accounts.

The Trustees continue an on-going review of the systems of financial and administrative control and continued to introduce new procedures in respect of both income and expenditure, which the Trustees believe will ensure that the charity continues to operate in accordance with best practice.

Finance: The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 are part of this review.

Donations: The income from last years' donations is up by £4,367 bringing our total donations to £11,849. This shows that during the Pandemic we have been extremely fortunate by being well supported by the public.

Legacies: We are extremely grateful also to be have been remembered by our members in their wills and received a very welcome amount of £91,258. These couldn't have come at a more opportune time for the charity.

Grant: We were also grateful to have received from Barnet Council £10,000 for support to local business.

Membership: Membership renewals remain roughly the same but we are extending our contacts through email. We still have 50 life members and about 34 yearly ones.

Our Lend-a-Paw scheme still generates regular income and raised £2,432 this year.

Charity Shop.

The Charity Shop Located at 48 High Road, East Finchley has been shut for ten months of the year so the income from the shop has been vastly reduced. This has affected the High street in general so we are forever grateful that we have been supported so generously by members and the public. Our thanks to our volunteers who offered help and advice to promote the charity throughout a difficult year.

Receipts from Assets exceedingly low, a sign of the times.

Veterinary fees: Were slightly higher. This shows a that we were still able to rescue cats even with the restrictions in place. Inevitably, we treated poor old battered strays that have led a tough life and we maintained our support of 'vet- assisted cats' that have been re-homed but have on-going health problems.

Fostering Costs: Were slightly reduced as our intake of cats were lower. Some cats do spend longer times with us before being re-homed or moved on but we have tried, where possible, to reduce the time that animals spend with us and this has been reflected in our overall costs. Foster homes remained the same as the previous year.

C4 The impact of the C4's free neutering scheme continued to have a beneficial effect in reducing numbers of unwanted kittens and un-neutered adults which affects cats passing through our hands, particularly domestic ones. We made a contribution of £3,00 again to the scheme that has now neutered **156,653** cats since it began in 1999.

Shop and Rent Costs have marginally reduced.

Van Costs are roughly the same.

Overheads are still kept as low as possible

Repairs & Maintenance Regular servicing of the Fire Extinguishers is carried out each year and other minor expenses.

Fieldwork: Cats being homed are almost the same as previous year. Economic pressures on households still affect the uptake of new pets and people have specific criteria for cats they wish to give homes to. Cats neutered slightly lower and cats being returned back on site where safe to do so. Cats in long and short terms foster care remained constant. Our intake of FIV+ cats is roughly the same. If anyone would be interested in giving a home to one of our rescue cats, please speak to us after the meeting.

Fieldwork	2020	2019
Cats Homed	51	52
Cats Neutered	57	68
Cats Micro-chipped	55	57
Cats into care with other groups	0	10
Cats returned back on site	17	10
Cats in long/short term foster care	28	34
Euthanasia/Died	8	15
FIV+	11	15
FELV+	1	1
Guinea Pigs	0	0

We continue to test all cats that pass through our hands for FIV and Feline Leukaemia Virus FELV. We vaccinate against Feline Enteritis, Influenza and Leukaemia and micro-chip some homed cats. These measures offer cats the maximum possible protection.

Our figures show that our Fieldworker activities were busy throughout the year dealing with stray, feral and abandoned cats and we thank our fieldworkers for their continued exceptional work.

Social Media: Our website still generates interest in adopting our cats.

Our Thanks: We are, as ever grateful to The Hills Veterinary Practice, 178 Park Road, N8 for their continued support. The Village Vet Potters Bar, The RSPCA Central London Branch and The Scratching Post in Hertfordshire for their support.

In Conclusion: At the end of 2020 it shows that we were by £69,631 thereby increasing our reserves to £237,735. In line with the Trustees' aim to hold a minimum reserve of two year's expenditure this would enable the charity to continue in full operation if any source of income were lost until such time as a replacement source could be found as in line with other charities.

Finally, as Chairman I would like to thank our Trustees for their hard work and support. Our thanks also go to all our dedicated volunteer workers in the field, the shop, foster caring, fund-raising and helping with social media.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of a group such as ours without whom we could not continue our work for the animals.

Signature: Clara Colvin Chairman Date: 25th March 2021

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CASH FUNDS

Nat West	10,305.68
Barclays	139,747.11
Cash in Hand	30.50

Santander Business Bond	88,888.35
Co-Op Business Bond	763.07
<u>Total Cash Funds</u>	<u>237,734.69</u>

ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE

Baskets	8
Crush Baskets	5
Traps	11
Pens	6
Hospitalisation Pens	5
Van	1
Woods Lamp	1
Shop Tills	2
Gazebo	1
Desktop Computer	1
Fax Machine	1
Scanner/Printer	1
Digital Camera	1
Micro-chip scanner	1
Mobile phone	1
Terminator	1

LIABILITIES

Vets Bills
Expense Claims

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Marilyn Dyson
Treasurer

Date: 20th February 2021

ANIMAL AID & ADVICE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ANIMAL AID AND ADVICE

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner the Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirements of section 43(2) of Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under section 132(1)(chapter 1) of the Act, follow the procedures laid in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 131(1,2&3) of the Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention. Also as required by Charities Act 2011.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;

(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 134 of the 2011 Act and

(b) to prepare accounts which in accordance with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met or

2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached


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