

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2023

UNRESTRICTED -	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>FUNDS - 2023</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>FUNDS - 2022</u>
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>		
<b><u>Donations/Grants</u></b>		
Grant Barnet Council	-	-
Donations	7,877.85	9,308.70
Memberships	151.00	166.00
Lend a Paw	1,568.00	2,001.00
Stalls/Sales	-	-
Charity Shop	31,536.86	33,198.84
Legacy	-	-
	<u>41,133.71</u>	<u>44,674.54</u>
<b><u>Receipts from Assets</u></b>		
CoOp	4.33	
<b><u>Receipts from Assets</u></b>	237.01	0.25
	<u>41,375.05</u>	<u>44,674.79</u>
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>		
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>		
<b><u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u></b>		
Veterinary Fees	35,111.18	30,024.12
Foster Fees	8,587.56	5,633.05
Baskets & Traps	-	-
C4 Neutering	-	3,000.00
	-	-
<b><u>Other Expenditure</u></b>		
Cost of Stalls/Sales	-	-
Charity Shop Rent & Costs	10,276.86	9,789.76
	-	-
Printing & Stationery	209.88	8.47
Administration	143.59	249.47
Car Expenses/Car	2,688.29	2,272.13
Overheads	2,821.06	2,771.05
Repairs & Maintenance	216.72	364.60
Advertising	-	-
Insurance - Shops	259.00	377.01
Insurance - Trustees	190.00	190.00
Website Maintenance	203.07	196.81
Bank Charges	-	-
	<u>60,707.21</u>	<u>54,876.47</u>
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>		
<b><u>Net of Receipts - Payments</u></b>	- 19,332.16	- 10,201.68
<b><u>Cash Funds Last Year End</u></b>	211,464.49	221,666.17
<b><u>Cash Funds This Year End</u></b>	<u>192,132.33</u>	<u>211,464.49</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIESCASH FUNDS

Nat West	76,054.54
Barclays	28,122.93
Cash in Hand	12.36
Santander Business Bond	87,172.05
Co-Op Business Bond	770.45
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>192,132.33</b>

ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE

Baskets	4
Crush Baskets	5
Traps	11
Pens	6
Hospitalisation Pens	5
Car	1
Woods Lamp	1
Shop Tills	1
Desktop Computer	1
Scanner/Printer	1
Digital Camera	1
Micro-chip scanner	1
Mobile phone	1

LIABILITIES

Vets Bills  
Expense Claims

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Marilyn Dyson  
Treasurer

Date: 12th February 2024

# ANIMAL AID & ADVICE NORTH LONDON

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Registered Charity No: 1039640

Working to promote responsible pet ownership

[www.animalaidandadvice.org](http://www.animalaidandadvice.org)

Principal Address: - 48 High Road East Finchley London N2 9PJ

Annual Review - 1<sup>st</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

<u>Trustees:</u>	<u>Chair:</u>	<u>Deputy Chair:</u>	<u>Hon. Secretary</u>	<u>Committee Members</u>
	Clara Colvin	Marilyn Dyson Hon Treasurer	Sally Sampaio	No others

All our Trustees served throughout 2023

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 cats. 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 can be up to four other Committee Members. All of these would be Trustees of the Charity.

The Charity's bankers are: Barclays Bank PLC, PO Box 6549, Muswell Hill, London N10 and Nat West 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 2023. Clara Colvin was elected chair, Marilyn Dyson Deputy Chair, Sally Sampaio Hon. Secretary, Marilyn Dyson Treasurer.

General: We would like to thank 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 are part of this review

Donations: The income from donations is down on the previous year but does tend to fluctuate

Legacies: We have had no legacies left to us this year.

Membership: Renewals remain roughly the same but we are extending our contacts through email. We have only 48 life members and now down to 14 yearly ones.

Our Lend-a-Paw scheme still generates a regular source of income and raised £1,568 this year.

This is lower than previous years due to the loss of one of our more generous donors.

Charity Shop: The shop has been fully operational throughout 2023 and has generated an income of £31,537. The shop is the mainstay for the charity and is a still focal point for our regular customers who normally pop in hoping to find a bargain. With competition from other shops in the High Street we are forever grateful for their support.

Receipts from Assets: We have had an increase this year on normally low interest rates in the past

Veterinary Fees: Are higher due to increasing costs and the number of cats/kittens passing through our hands

Fostering Costs: As our in take of cats has risen our fostering costs have increased. Mums and kittens take up a large proportion of these costs but we are forever grateful to the fosterers who take on this endless task of feeding and cleaning up after these little rogues. Some cats do spend longer time 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 much the same as the previous year.

C4: The changes to C4 by RSPCA, Cats Protection and Battersea has had such an impact on the smaller charities and independent rescuers. Where before, with the original idea of C4 they were willing to neuter the cats for them, this is no longer the case. The work that they did was most beneficial as these people picked up the strays that the larger groups were not able to help or missed out altogether. All of this contributed in reducing numbers of unwanted kittens, un-neutered cats and strays, which also has an effect on the cats passing through their and our hands. Re branded and being run by Cats Protection we feel very disappointed by the outcome of this new scheme as they seem to be concentrating more on owned cat's and not supporting the strays. We feel we are unable to support this new scheme.

Shop and Rent Costs have marginally increased but to be expected.

Vehicle Costs are higher than last year. When the car had its usual MOT and service we were advised that it needed new brakes.

Overheads are slightly higher due to rising costs all round is to be expected.

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

Fieldwork: The number of cats being homed is slightly higher than the previous year.

Economic pressures of households still affect the uptake of new pets and people have specific criteria for cats they wish to give homes to. Cats that have been neutered has increased, with microchips much the same. Cats taken in by other animal charity groups is much higher as is cats being returned back on site where safe to do so. Cats in long and short term foster care remained constant. Our intake of FIV+ cats is much less than previous years. If anyone would be interested in giving a home to one of our rescue cats, please speak to us after the meeting.

Fieldwork	2023	2022
Cats Homed	53	43
Cats Neutered	82	49
Cats Micro-chipped	48	40
Cats into care with other groups	26	8
Cats returned back on site	24	5
Cats in long/short term foster care	28	28
Euthanasia/Died	10	5
FIV+	1	6
FELV+	0	0
Guinea Pigs	0	0

We continue to test all cats that pass through our hands for the FIV and FELV virus. We vaccinate against Feline Enteritis, Influenza and Leukaemia and micro-chip them on re-homing. 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, and the Village Vet Potters Bar, for their continued support. The Scratching Post in Hertfordshire and our grateful thanks to the Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary for taking in a number of cats from us this year.

In Conclusion: At the end of 2023 shows that we are down by £19,332 thereby reducing our reserves to £192,132. In line with the Trustees' aim to hold a minimum reserve of at least two year's expenditure, we are still in a position to do so. 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 in line with other charities.

Finally, as Chair 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, fostering, 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: 

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

## 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 2023

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 the Charities Act 2011 and Charities Act 2006.

#### **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 the 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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