

CHEADLE & DISTRICT ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY
Registered Charity 1039350

Trustees Annual Report for the Year ending 31st December
2023

Charity Name Society	Cheadle & District Animal Welfare
Registered Charity	1039350
Other names	Cheadle Animal Welfare Society CAWS
Constitution	Unincorporated Association
Registered address	Slate House, Parwich Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1QD

Trustees

The trustees as at 31st December 2023

Mrs Lesley Blackburn
Miss Mairilyn Davenport
Mrs Margaret Russell (Chair)
Miss Elaine Shepherd
Mrs Lois Scragg

The method of appointing Trustees is by election at general meetings or may be co-opted by the committee.

Independent examiner

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity is established to relieve the suffering of animals of any species, but in particular dogs and cats, who are in need of care and attention and in particular the finding of permanent or temporary homes for any animal in such need and to provide kennels or catteries or refuges or rescue homes or animal hospitals or animal sanctuaries or such other facilities that the Charity may from time to time consider necessary for the reception and care of unwanted animals and the treatment of sick and ill treated animals.

Significant activities and Public Benefit

The main activity of the Charity is to take in and care for cats and dogs who can no longer stay with their owners and also to take in stray and abandoned cats from within the local and surrounding area, which prevents them from causing a nuisance to residents and the general public and helping to make the environment a safer place.

Veterinary care is provided for those animals who need medical attention and accommodation is provided at private boarding kennels and catteries and in foster homes until new homes are found.

When requested help is provided with the neutering and return of feral cats so that people are better able to cope without the numbers of these cats getting out of proportion and causing stressful situations.

Help is provided for adopted animals, who require long term veterinary care or who are elderly and may need veterinary treatment in the not so distant future. By providing this funding it facilitates homes to be found for these animals and gives peace of mind to the people who adopt them. The Charity feels that it is important for all the adopted animals to have a support network

All animals are vaccinated, micro-chipped and neutered while in the care of the Charity, unless these procedures have already been carried out. If rehomed before these can take place, the adoptive owners are provided with a voucher to cover the full cost of the vaccinations, microchipping and neutering to be carried out at the appropriate time at the Veterinary Practice used by the Charity.

These procedures help with the prevention of disease, with the identification of lost animals, as required by law and the prevention of yet more unwanted animals being produced, all of which are of benefit to the general public.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During 2023 there continued to be a high number of cats requiring help. The total number of cats taken into care was 123 (2022:133) and the Charity was able to help 11 dogs. There were 30 feral cats trapped, neutered and returned which is a greatly reduced number than in 2022 when the number was 71.

Vet checks were given to each animal upon arrival followed by vaccinations, neutering and microchipping as necessary. Any who needed medical attention were given the necessary medications and/or surgery. It is the policy of the Charity that the people adopting kittens should be given vouchers to cover the full cost of vaccinations, neutering and microchipping at the Veterinary Surgeons used by the Society

In agreement with the Charity's Veterinary Surgeons the Society continued to offer to pay for veterinary care for those animals who were adopted with a pre-existing lifelong condition eg hyperthyroidism, heart conditions, etc and the Charity offered to pay for veterinary care should it be needed by adopted elderly animals. This was felt necessary to ensure that homes could be found for them and hopefully reducing the time they spent in the catteries and kennels.

The Charity maintains contact with adoptive owners for as long as is necessary and provides ongoing support for animals adopted by elderly people who have little family support. Adoptive owners are encouraged to keep the Charity updated about the well being of the animals they have adopted.

The Charity does not own any property and does not have any staff wages to pay, which means that of the total income during 2023, 96.4% was used directly to care for the cats and dogs in care ie for accommodation at private boarding catteries and kennels and veterinary care.

Fundraising activities

The fundraising activities carried out in 2023 were much the same as those carried out in 2022 and each occasion enabled the Charity

to promote the work which is carried out. It was found useful to take part in fundraisers organised by other charities and organisations. The Society is grateful to the people who willingly volunteer with fundraising activities

Principle Funding Sources and Financial Review

The financial position of the Charity at the year-end was strong with sufficient reserves to maintain the work of the Charity for several years. There was a large increase in the amount received via legacies during 2023 but it was noted by the Trustees that there was an approximate 10% fall in donations, which is usually the main source of income.

The major expenditure during 2023 was for boarding and veterinary care which meant that 96.4% of expenditure was used directly on the animals in care. Veterinary care remains the highest cost for the Charity as complex cases are often accepted when the prognosis is considered to be good.

The Charity is most grateful to everyone who gives so freely of their time and gives support without claiming any out of pocket expenses

Reserves policy

The Trustees ensure that a minimum of 12 months projected expenditure is in instant access accounts with investments being made in accordance with the Financial Compensation Scheme

Going concern

The reserves currently cover at least 6 years running expenses which are deemed to be more than sufficient and the Charity is thus considered as a going concern even if no further income is received during that period.

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2023

	31.12.22		31.12.23
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS			
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	41,990		37,820
Legacies	1,000		186,918
Fundraising	18,312		18,408
Tax Rebate	<u>5,228</u>		<u>7,647</u>
	66,530		250,793
Investment Income			
Deposit Account Interest	1,085		3,318
Dividends Received	9,293		13,814
Less Fees	<u>-9,547</u>	<u>-254</u>	<u>-8,850</u>
Total Incoming Resources	67,361		259,075
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable Activities			
Boarding Fees	34,809		35,603
Veterinary Fees	51,459		61,892
Hall Hire	304		417
Insurance	378		402
Printing and Computer Sundries	184		259
Calendars and Pens	432		439
Miscellaneous Expenses	20		238
Fundraising Expenses	565		1,120
Accountancy	480		480
Telephone and Website	165		220
Licence	0		20
Bank Charges	<u>106</u>		<u>-106</u>
Total Resources Expended	88,902		100,984
Net (Expenditure) / Income	-21,541		158,091
Investment (Depreciation) / Appreciation	<u>-108,712</u>		<u>16,429</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>-130,253</u>		<u>174,520</u>

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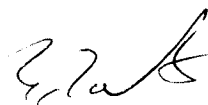
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	31.12.22 £	31.12.23 £
Accumulated Fund		
Opening Balance	1,010,303	880,050
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>-130,253</u>	<u>174,520</u>
Closing Balance	<u>880,050</u>	<u>1,054,570</u>
Represented by :		
Bank Balance	265,974	569,102
Less Creditors	<u>480</u>	<u>480</u>
	265,494	568,622
Brewin Dolphin Investment Valuation	<u>614,556</u>	<u>485,948</u>
	<u>880,050</u>	<u>1,054,570</u>

We have prepared the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account from the books and records of the Cheadle and District Animal Welfare Society and certify they are in accordance therewith.

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28th March 2024



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