

Animal Lifeline

Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Accountancy & Business Services

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Independent examiner's report to the committee members of

Animal Lifeline

for the year ended 31 December 2020

Basis of independent examiner's report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as committee members 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the committee members have not met the requirements to ensure that:

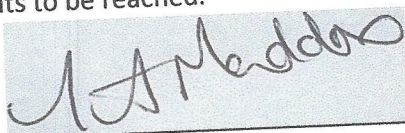
- proper accounting records are kept: and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records

or

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

Signed



Dated

31/12/2021

Mrs Tracy Maddox MAAT



ANIMAL LIFELINE TRUSTEES REPORT - year ending 31 December 2020

Like many charities, Animal Lifeline depends on bequests for part of its annual income and these can be variable and unpredictable—in 2019, bequests totalled £80,689, but this year (2020) £103,772.

Income from other sources such as donations and fundraising were broadly in line with normal year-to-year variables.

Shop takings were considerably lower than in previous years due to the impact of Covid. We were unable to open for the full year.

Direct costs such as kennelling and food were slightly lower compared with the previous year, down from £39,302 to £32,132 as were veterinary costs—down from £91,520 to £71,057.

Staff wages were much the same as last year. The trustees are NOT paid - the wages relate to kennel staff and total £138,332 (including NIC and pension contributions).

All our staff are paid minimum wage. The Government plans to increase minimum wage to at least £10 per hour, and there will be further increases in NI and pensions contributions. We need to be aware of such increases and plan accordingly.

As I mentioned at last year's AGM, I feel our fund-raising is near the limit of what we can reasonably expect from a local community so every effort should be made to where possible reduce or at least cap overheads.

Public support for Animal Lifeline, now in its 46th year, is very strong and our Face Book followers and website visitors are at record levels which is an endorsement of the work we do and we continue to get generous responses to our appeals, and excellent attendances at our various fund-raising events.

While our legal constitution does not actually require us to re-home dogs, but to provide a sanctuary for them and provide veterinary care, we do re-home an average of 150 dogs each year.

Not every dog in our care is available for adoption because part of our legal requirement is to operate a sanctuary for the long-term care of certain dogs, especially those with ongoing health issues. These may include dogs with specific disabilities, psychological issues which cannot be remedied, or which cannot be rehomed on the instructions of the previous owner who has asked us to care for their dog permanently.

This sometimes results in Animal Lifeline being criticised for keeping some dogs in kennels for a long period or being too 'choosy' when rehoming, such criticism usually from people not aware of these background circumstances. Our rehoming policy is in line with that of other dog rescue agencies such as The Dogs Trust and Blue Cross who also experience criticism about their rehoming criteria. We—like them—have a duty of care to the dogs and do our utmost to ensure we place the right dog in the right home. Over the years we

have rehomed over 14,000 dogs and our care in rehoming means it is extremely rare for us to have a dog returned to us.

Animal Lifeline continues live up to its name as a genuine 'lifeline' for abandoned and ill-treated dogs in the North Staffs and South Cheshire area and against a background of declining UK pet ownership (source: Pets At Home National Survey) the need for our services is all the greater and we continue to gather new volunteers and supporters who share our aims.

Cassie Fletcher

Animal Lifeline
Income and Expenditure
For the year ended 31 December 2020

		2020	2019
		£	£
Income	Bequests	103,772	80,689
	Donations/Fund Raising	113,752	109,100
	Grants Received	25,522	0
	Interest receivable	38	118
	Other operating income	0	0
	Shop Sales (Charity)	55,562	82,318
		298,646	272,225
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Expenditure	Accessories	-285	-631
	Accountancy fees	-1,114	-1,125
	Advertising and PR	-115	-1,341
	Bank charges	-1,085	-1,323
	Cleaning	0	-1,039
	Consultancy fees	0	-8,870
	Employers NI	0	0
	Equipment expensed	0	-688
	Insurance	-2,857	-3,128
	Kennelling and Food	-32,132	-39,302
	Light and heat	-11,270	-15,979
	Motor expenses	-6006	-7,594
	Unpaid cheque	-400	0
	Other legal and prof	-1,992	-1,205
	Pensions	-3,264	-2,594
	Postage	-8	-9
	Property Maintenance	-1,081	-2,061
	Rates	0	0
	Rent	-21,823	-27,926
	Repairs and maintenance	-1,980	-1,079
	Staff training & welfare	0	-120
	Stationery and printing	-420	-844
	Sundry	0	0
	Telephone and fax	-511	-438
	Unknown	0	0
	Veterinary	-71,057	-91,520
	Wages and salaries	-138,332	-137,326
	Waste Collection	-4,941	-8,300
		-300,673	-354,440
Net Income/loss		-2,027	-82,216

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2020

		2020		2019	
		£		£	
FA - vehicles	Cost - b/fwd	13,838		0	
	Cost - additions	0		13,838	
		13,838		13,838	
			13,838		13,838
Debtors	Prepayments	6,953		6,953	
		6,953		6,953	
Bank	Current Account	29,732		8,776	
	Deposit Account	2,978		25,961	
	Petty Cash	2,186		2,186	
		34,896		36,923	
			41,850		43,876
Creditors	Accruals	-7,685		-7,685	
			-7,685		-7,685
Net assets			48,002		50,029
		£		£	
Revaluation reserve	Brought forward	111,694		111,694	
			111,694		111,694
Profit and loss account	Brought forward	-61,665		20,550	
	Net profit/loss	-2,027		-82,216	
			-63,692		-61,665
Total funds			48,002		50,029