

HOUNSLOW ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

2023 was our first full year of normal day-to-day operations after the covid-affected previous 3 years. We could undertake home-visits, rescues and trappings etc normally, and attend fairs and other events without restriction.

In 2023 our charity cared for 380 animals, 282 of which were taken in throughout the year. Of these, 268 were adult cats or kittens, with a number born to mum-cats whilst in our care. 8 rabbits, 4 guinea pigs, 1 hamster and 1 squab (baby pigeon) made up the total. We continue our practice of homing our rescued animals already vaccinated, microchipped and neutered, age permitting.

HAWS has a non-destruction policy and only advocates euthanasia if an animal is too seriously ill or injured for any hope of recovery. Unfortunately, we lost 10 cats and 1 guinea pig in our care this year, 3 animals less than in 2022. These were adult cats with unresolvable medical issues and neonatal kittens who had not had the best start in life.

Over the year we rehomed 195 cats and kittens, 4 rabbits, 6 guinea pigs and the squab. We also continued to deal with feral cat colonies, trapping, neutering, and returning to site where they remain under the care of members of the public who feed them and generally look out for them. 45 cats were either returned to site or to owners during 2023. At any one time we routinely have over 120 cats and kittens in foster care and at the end of 2023 had 18 cats in permanent sanctuary. Before adoption, all our animals are lodged and cared for in the homes of our dedicated volunteer foster carers who take an active part in the rehoming process. We also work with a number of excellent veterinary surgeries, where all our cats are initially taken for medical treatment and check-ups prior to fostering – they support us practically and financially by discounting our bills, which helps to reduce our veterinary costs during the year.

Throughout 2023, we continued to receive a high level of contacts by telephone, email etc, keeping volunteers extremely busy. Together with calls requesting help with feral, stray, and abandoned cats and small animals, there was a big increase in requests for us to take in unwanted pets – a continuing knock-on from COVID but also a result of the general cost of living increases meaning owners could no longer afford to keep their pets.

In 2023 our income totalled £181,350.07 of which £129,981.16 came from legacies. Our pet food and litter costs combined increased to just under £11,200.00, almost 50% more than 2022. This reflected an increase in our day-to-day needs, a reduction in the amount of food donations and significant price increases. Our heaviest outlay was again on veterinary expenses. In 2023 these totalled £121,276.46, a slight increase on the bills in 2022. This was attributed to an increase in veterinary fees, and costs incurred in treating several cats and kittens who had quite complex medical needs. A drop in adoptions meant many had to be boarded at vets for several weeks before they could be moved to a foster home. Our expenses for the year totalled £148,560.33 – an under-spend of £33,370.47 against income. As in 2022, had we not received the legacies we could not have helped so many animals during the year.

We carried on our normal fund-raising activities in 2023. We attended the Ealing Animal Welfare Bazaar in March with good results. Unfortunately, the Christmas Craft Fair was cancelled, but we hope to attend in 2024. Pets at Home continued their support for us, raising money and donating food, which was very gratefully received. We were also able to be present for their 'Santa Paws' fundraising events during December. Sainsburys in Chiswick also continued to host our pet food donation bin, with excellent results.

Our website remains the main point of contact for our charity and is a vital tool in our rehoming efforts. All animals that are fit to be rehomed are published online and this is backed by our comprehensive database recording the history of each animal from rescue to rehoming. Every single aspect of the charity is run by unpaid volunteers, enabling us to use our funds solely for animal rescue and care. The Trustees extend heartfelt thanks to all of HAWS' volunteers for their hard work and dedication – without them the charity could not function.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

HOUNSLOW ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1065060

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023YY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Shakeel Khan

Date:

29/08/2024

Name:

SHAKEEL KHAN

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

HOUNSLOW ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY
FOR YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
Membership	2,351.00	2,627.50
Donations	17,507.44	21,573.32
Adoptions	17,250.00	16,252.00
Inland Revenue Gift Aid	1,925.43	1,896.57
Fund Raising	4,432.69	4,277.77
Legacies	129,981.16	275,065.70
VAT Reclaimed	7,902.58	
	<u>181,350.07</u>	<u>321,065.70</u>
 <u>Admin Expenses</u>		
Veterinary Fees	121,276.46	115,111.12
Litter/Hygiene	1,431.14	1,592.02
Food	9,762.81	6,155.40
Equipment	1,989.71	2,739.81
Telephone	735.52	763.06
Advertising and Venue Hire	0.00	270.00
Postage, stationery and printing	294.84	263.67
Transport	2,033.83	2743.34
Accountancy fees	300.00	326.00
Website and software	1,090.99	366.54
Bank charges	60.00	87.00
Garage Maintenance and Repairs	553.36	536.47
Premises Insurance	484.18	484.18
General admin and business address	240.00	240.00
Fund raising expenses	36.91	700.00
Unclaimable VAT *	8,270.58	
	<u>148,560.33</u>	<u>132,378.61</u>
 <u>Operating Profit</u>	 32,789.74	 189,314.25
 <u>Other Income and Expenses</u>		
Interest Received	580.73	0.00
Interest Paid	0.00	0.00
Revaluation of Garages	0.00	0.00
 Excess of Income over expenditure	 <u>33,370.47</u>	 <u>189,314.25</u>

NOTE: * The VAT claim must be reduced by the percentage of donations including legacies against the cost of purchases in the period.

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BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR END 31st DECEMBER 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>				
Tangible Assets		12,000.00		12,000.00
Investments		98,782.83		98,782.83
		<u>110,782.83</u>		<u>110,782.83</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Other Debtors	1,395.05		1,489.70	
Natwest Bank A/C	23,382.57		16,675.07	
CAF Bank Ltd - Current A/C	256,369.06		230,537.21	
	<u>281,146.68</u>		<u>248,701.98</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Creditors		10,956.40		11,882.17
Net Current Assets		380,973.11		347,602.64
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>380,973.11</u>		<u>347,602.64</u>
Accumulated Fund				
Brought Forward		347,602.64		158,288.39
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